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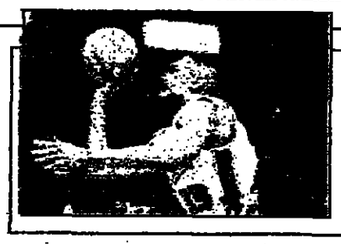
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Thousands attend the funeral in the Bedouin village of Zarzir of St.-Sgt. Maj. Hassin Rahal, 34, and Sgt. Kamel Rahal, 27, two cousins among the 73 soldiers and airmen who died in last Tuesday's helicopter disaster. The last 13 victims were laid to rest on Friday. (Reuter)

MKs discuss Lebanon pullout

Eitan, Ezra, Beilin, Harel, Cohen meet with former security officials

DAVID RUDGE, SARAH HONIG and agencies

Likud faction leader Michael Eitan last night met with a group of coalition and opposition MKs to discuss a plan for a unilateral withdrawal from south Lebanon.

The MKs, who met at the Kochav Yair home of Likud MK Gideon Ezra, included Labor's Yossi Beilin, Third Way MK Yehuda Harel, and Yitzhak Cohen of Shas. Former senior members of the security establishment – including ex-General Security Service head Ya'acov Perry, ex-GSS deputy head Yossi Ginossar, former coordinator of the territories and Lebanon liaison unit commander Danny Rothschild – participated in the meeting. Yisrael Harel, one of the leaders of the Council for Judea, Samaria, and Gaza also attended.

Ezra would not say what conclusion the four reached last night or whether they were even all in agreement, but said they plan to take up the matter with Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu on Friday rejected such a move, saying it would bring Hizbullah terrorists closer to Israel's northern frontier. He said Israel must stabilize its northern border before leaving the security zone.

"This border was at first grabbed by Palestinian terrorists and now it has been seized by Hizbullah ter-

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Barak: I proposed deal to leave Lebanon when FM

By DAVID MAKOVSKY

Labor MK Ehud Barak personally passed a message to Lebanese Foreign Minister Farez Bouez while serving as foreign minister last year, offering to leave southern Lebanon if Hizbullah was quiet for three months, Barak disclosed yesterday.

While Lebanon is known to favor an Israeli exit, "they never responded," Barak said.

The former chief of staff said a three-month period of quiet would be followed up by a period of intensive negotiations lasting no longer than 90 days, which would be concluded by Israel leaving the country.

Barak, who spoke on Channel 1, said the offer was passed by way of a third party "from the area who is not an Arab."

Sources say the person in question was Cypriot Foreign Minister Aleco Michaelidis, who visited here last March.

Michaelidis was known to be in close contact with both Barak and Bouez. Barak said he expected the message would be passed by way of Syria.

Interestingly, the offer appears to have been made after the Peres government lost hope of reaching a peace deal with Syria before Knesset elections.

For the last few years, Labor viewed a pullback from southern Lebanon as only occurring on the heels of a Golan pullback.

23 Palestinian women prisoners to be released this week

PM, Hanegbi request pardon for Jewish murderers of Arabs

By DAVID MAKOVSKY and JON IMMANUEL

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu is expected to officially inform Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat tonight of his decision, announced at Friday's cabinet meeting, to release all 23 women Palestinian prisoners held by Israel.

In an apparent effort at some sort of linkage, Netanyahu spokesman Shai Bazak said last night the premier and Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi have already asked President Ezer Weizman to "consider commuting the sentences of Jewish prisoners" convicted of killing Arabs after each prisoner exhausts the appeal process. "The president told the prime minister that he would consider commuting sentences," Bazak said.

No names have been discussed, according to Bazak, but among those serving such sentences are Ami Popper and Yoram Skolnik. Popper is serving consecutive life sentences for murdering seven Palestinian workers in Rishon Lezion in 1990. Skolnik is serving a life sentence for murdering a captured Palestinian terrorist in March 1993. Legal commentator Moshe Hanegbi has termed the release of such killers as "undermining the rule of law."

The release of the women, timed to coincide with Id al-Fitr, the holiday concluding the Moslem holy month of Ramadan, is mandated as part of the 1995 Oslo 2 agreement and reaffirmed by the recent Hebron pullback deal.

Officials say two of the women are convicted murderers, while three were convicted of being accomplices to murders committed during the intifada. Israel has long offered to release the other 18, but these women have refused to leave prison in solidarity with the five.

Arafat has already welcomed the move, as reportedly did Jordan's King Hussein. When asked by reporters yesterday about whether he seeks the release of jailed Hamas leader Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, Arafat termed it a top priority.

At Friday's cabinet meeting, National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon voiced opposition to the release, charging the PA does not deserve the gesture since it has not extradited any prisoners to Israel.

He also called on Netanyahu to permit construction of the controversial Har Homa neighborhood in southeastern Jerusalem. *Palestinians have threatened that if the project* is approved, they will bring the issue to the UN Security Council.

Meanwhile, Palestinians, Egyptians, and US officials have privately complained that Israel has delayed establishing negotiating teams for further talks with the Palestinians. However, officials in the Prime Minister's Office say an announcement could come as soon as today in this regard.

These officials say the IDF will lead negotiations dealing with security procedures surrounding the construction of both a Gaza airport and seaport, as well as negotiate terms for safe passage for Palestinians between Gaza and the West Bank. All three are mandated in the recent Hebron deal.

The Finance Ministry will head talks regarding the amount of tax money that is to be remitted to the PA. The Ministry of Industry and Trade will head talks on the construction of an industrial park at Gaza's Karni crossing.

Officials in the Prime Minister's Office say that part of the delay is due to the fact that top negotiator Yitzhak Molcho, who had worked very intensely on the Hebron accord for months, has been abroad.

The women-prisoner release will mark the second time, including the Hebron redeployment, that the Netanyahu government has implemented an agreement the Labor government failed to carry out within the time frame it specified. The release has been Arafat's top demand since the Oslo 2 agreement of September 28, 1995 promised to release all women prisoners immediately.

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Government declares Bezek services 'vital,' limiting private ownership

By JUDY SIEGEL

The government on Friday approved an order proposed by Communications Minister Limor Livnat declaring Bezeq's basic telecommunications services "vital" and thus barring any foreign or local entity from controlling more than 25 percent of the company.

Livnat told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that when taking office, she had been presented with an order that would discriminate between foreign and local interests, limiting the former to a maximum of 10% of Bezeq and the latter to 25%.

Under the new regulations – *passed unanimously by the cabinet* after consultations with the premier and defense, finance and justice ministers – anyone who wanted more than a 5% interest in Bezeq would have to obtain permission from the communications minister.

Permission would have to be granted at each increment for those seeking a 7%, 11%, 14%, 21% and finally a 25% share. In addition, Israeli interests would not have a higher limit than foreigners.

Britain's Cable & Wireless company currently owns 10% of Bezeq (by buying up shares without consulting the government), and it wants more – at least 20%, Livnat suggested.

The new order was vital to "protect Israel's security interests," she said. While Hungary and a few other countries have laws allowing *their national telecommunications* companies to be controlled by outsiders, most do not, Livnat said, pointing out that the US and England have very strict limits on investments by foreigners.

Before deciding on her position, Livnat invited Bezeq and C&W officials for hearings, and changed her decision somewhat as a result. After the government decision on Friday, she called C&W president Richard Brown. He called it a "slap in the face" but said his company would study the decision and continue negotiating with the ministry over other solutions to their equity plans.

Livnat said C&W was entitled to take the case to the High Court of Justice, "but I don't think it has a chance of winning." Local interests wanting shares in Bezeq did not *pressure her, she said, and the new* order was "not meant to put a brake specifically on C&W."

Rehovot scientists discover gene which could help fight AIDS

By JUDY SIEGEL

A gene that plays a vital role in the process of infection, the activation of the immune system and – perhaps – in the maturation of the HIV virus that causes AIDS has been discovered and cloned by Weizmann Institute researchers.

Their findings, which many other groups of scientists abroad have been trying to achieve, appears in today's issue of the prestigious British journal *Nature*.

Prof. David Wallach of the membrane research and biophysics department discovered the gene, called NIK, with help from doctoral students Nikolai Malinin, Mark Boldin and Andrei Kovalenko.

NIK helps remove a molecular "brake" that keeps the immune response in check.

Its discovery, said the Rehovot scientists, could lead to the development of drugs to regulate the immune system in a variety of diseases.

Drugs that enhance NIK's effects could be designed to boost immunity in immune-deficiency diseases, while drugs that block its effects might be developed to inhibit unwanted immune responses in autoimmune diseases, such as juvenile-onset diabetes, rheumatoid arthritis or multiple sclerosis.

"NIK activation is a crucial, first step in triggering the immune response," said Wallach. "Our findings hold potential for the design of future drugs to block or enhance the effects of NIK..., although we still need to clarify the exact reactions that this molecule sets off."

It has been known for about 20 years that a protein called NF-kB belongs to a class of proteins, known as transcription factors, which "switch on" certain genes. NF-kB is a major molecule involved in the immune response, switching on several genes involved in immune and inflammatory responses to disease and infection.

While it is always present in all cells, its effects in healthy ones are usually blocked by an inhibitory protein known as IkB.

In healthy cells, NF-kB and IkB are attached to each other, but when infection or disease occurs, a domino effect occurs in which the "brake" is removed and destroyed and the NF-kB is set free.

The Weizmann *scientists* sought to discover what causes the "brake" to be removed and

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in brief

Two soldiers killed in head-on collision

A male and a female soldier, both 19, were killed instantly early yesterday morning when their car suddenly swerved into the path of an oncoming truck on the Yad Mordechai-Sderot highway.

Police are investigating the cause.

Last night three people were injured, one seriously, when a car and a motorcycle collided on the Trans-Samaria Highway. The injured were taken to the Rabin Medical Center in Petah Tikva.

Six members of one family were injured, two seriously, while crossing the street in Bnei Brak last night. They were crossing behind a bus, and were struck by a rental car whose driver did not see them.

A 60-old woman died yesterday from injuries suffered when she was struck and killed by a car while crossing the Geha Highway yesterday. *Itim*

Youth arrested in rape of Ramle girl

Police on Thursday arrested a 13-year-old Ramle youth suspected of raping a seven-year-old girl there last Monday.

The youth, who denies any connection to the case, was remanded Friday by Petah Tikva Magistrate's Court for five days.

Police acted on a tip Thursday night from a person who claimed to have seen someone who fit the description of the suspect. Police said they were surprised to find that the youth, who is so young, did fit the description provided by the girl and her brother. *Itim*

Palestinian student dies of wounds

A Palestinian university student has died of wounds he sustained during gun battles between Palestinian Police and IDF soldiers in September, hospital officials said Friday.

Ramallah Hospital officials said Yasser Hamshari, 21, a second year student at Bir Zeit University's commerce department, died there Thursday night.

His death raised to 61 the number of Palestinians killed in the confrontations that erupted after Israel opened an exit to the Western Wall Tunnel. Palestinians killed 15 Israelis in the clashes. *Reuter*

Inquiry calls for public's help

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

The commission of inquiry on the helicopter collision, which is expected to hand its interim report to the government this week, has taken the unusual step of calling on the public to offer any information it may have concerning the crash.

The inquiry has heard reports from Air Force helicopter experts as well as testimony from flight technicians and residents of the North. But no one is reported to have witnessed the collision, thus leaving it up to the commission to try and piece together what happened. They will examine the radio communication tapes and have sent the wreckage to laboratories for inspection.

What is clear is that the collision was caused when the second helicopter rammed the first. One avenue being examined is whether the pilots may have been temporarily blinded when switching on night vision.

Anyone who has relevant information is asked to contact the commission at 03-697-7447, or fax 03-697-7053.

The fact that the commission has asked for anyone who feels they may have information vital to the investigation to speak up is unusual. It was apparently done not just because there were no survivors, but also to head off future criticism that the commission may have ignored crucial information.

Channel 1 reported last night that someone apparently heard that the pilots were complaining of a communication malfunction. The report said such a malfunction would not likely have any bearing on the crash, but it is an example of the kind of information, however unsubstantiated, the commission wants to include in its investigation.



President Ezer Weizman, who has vowed to visit the families of all 73 helicopter disaster victims, speaks on Friday with the father of Lt. Kobi Ben-Shem, 20, of Ramat Hasharon. Weizman said he prefers to visit every family individually, rather than attend only some of the funerals, and that he draws great strength from the victims' families. 'Whoever believes there is a lack of motivation among the country's youth to volunteer for combat units, should see these families,' he told reporters after several visits in the center of the country. Today Weizman is to go to Misgav Am, Bar'am, Dishon, Safed, Beit Jann, Mitzpeh Netofa, Tiberias, Degania, Ashdot Ya'acov-Ihud, Beit Yosef, and Moledet. (Text: Batsheva Tsur; Photo: Dana Sterman/Israel Sun)

Thousands visit She'ar Yashuv

By DAVID RUDGE and agencies

Thousands of people flocked to Moshav She'ar Yashuv yesterday, some bringing flowers, some to light candles, and others just to look at the scene of the helicopter disaster that shook the nation.

The road leading to the small community that in recent years has been trying to promote tourism to the site was blocked with vehicles in both directions.

Residents had to close the entrance to the moshav because of the flood of cars, and police were called to the scene and the main road leading from Kiryat Shmona to the Banyas and Mt. Hermon, in order to direct and try to control the flow of traffic.

"Virtually everybody en route to the Hermon ski site is coming, as well as others who just wanted to come to the scene," a policeman on traffic duty told reporters.

For many of the visitors it was a pilgrimage, almost a duty out of respect to the memory of the 73 soldiers and airmen killed in the disaster. The wreckage has been cleared from the site and the remains of the guest houses that were struck by one of the helicopters have been knocked down and the ground levelled.

All that is left at the scene after the salvage and rescue operations is the scoured brown earth, some of the red tape used to seal off the area and many candles and flowers.

Meanwhile, King Hussein of Jordan radioed a message of sympathy yesterday for the death of the 73 soldiers and airmen as he flew over Israel on his way to London, Israel Radio and Army Radio reported. The king, who often pilots his own plane, spoke to the control tower at Ben-Gurion Airport and expressed condolences over the tragedy.

PM to demand PA stay out of Jerusalem hospitals

By JUDY SIEGEL

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu is today expected to demand that Palestinian Authority chairman Yasser Arafat halt the PA's efforts to "take over" Arab hospitals in Jerusalem. The demand was initiated by Health Minister Yehoshua Matza, who last week convened directors of the five hospitals to discuss the problem.

Matza told the premier about the case of a four-year-old Bethlehem boy who suffered severe burns when a friend poured paint thinner on sticks and lit them. Burnt over much of his body, he was rushed to Bethlehem Hospital and them to eastern Jerusalem's Makassed Hospital, which does not have a sophisticated burns unit.

Even though Hadassah-University Hospital in Ein Kerem does have an outstanding burns unit, Makassed – whose director has been sent on leave and replace by a PA representative – refused the transfer.

Instead, the hospital would agree only to move the boy to a medical center in Jordan, a trip which a Hadassah doctor warned could cause his death.

The PA is "conducting a war at the expense of patients often in critical condition," Matza charged. "Is there no limit to its cynicism?"

The health minister demanded that the PA "stop interfering" in the functioning of the capital's Arab hospitals, especially Makassed.

"There is nothing to prevent the Bethlehem boy from being sent immediately to Hadassah in an attempt to save his life."

The principle of mutual observance of agreements is being openly violated by the Palestinians, Matza charged, "and this must be prevented clearly and immediately."

IDF troops in Lebanon on full alert

By DAVID RUDGE

IDF troops serving in the security zone and along the northern border remained on full alert over the weekend and carried out their duties as normal, despite the trauma of the helicopter disaster in which 73 of their comrades were killed.

Troop rotation convoys once again plied the roads leading into and out of the zone to replace soldiers manning fortified hilltop positions in the region.

The soldiers who were killed in the apparent collision between the two CH-53 transport helicopters over Moshav She'ar Yashuv on Tuesday night had themselves been en route to the Beaufort Castle and other positions in the region.

Hizbullah activists, however, who maintained that the disaster was a "godly punishment," continued to claim that the soldiers had intended to carry out a special mission inside Lebanon.

Hizbullah leader Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah said in a Lebanese newspaper article yesterday that the troops aboard the helicopters had intended to carry out a commando-style kidnap mission and he was probably the intended victim.

The helicopter transports, which had been designed to bypass the threat posed by Hizbullah roadside bomb and Sagger anti-tank missile attacks and ambushes, were stopped following the disaster.

Instead, soldiers entered the zone in the past few days, as in the past, in escorted convoys.

The region itself has been relatively quiet since heavy fighting erupted in south Lebanon last Tuesday and ceased that afternoon – a few hours before the helicopter disaster.

Hizbullah announced at the time that its gunmen had attacked over 20 IDF and South Lebanese Army positions with long-range mortar and anti-tank missile fire to mark "Jerusalem Day" at the end of the month-long Ramadan fast.

Despite the relative quiet since then, Hizbullah is still expected to escalate its activities in the coming days because of other memorial dates which also fall this month.

The most notable is February 16, which marks the killing five years ago of then Hizbullah secretary-general Sheikh Abbas Musawi and members of his family in an attack by IAF helicopter gunships.

Musawi had been returning from a memorial service in Jibsheet village in south Lebanon for Sheikh Rajeb Harb, founder of Hizbullah's fighting arm, the Islamic Resistance, who was himself killed in 1984.

The need for continued vigilance on the part of IDF and SLA troops was underlined on Friday with the discovery of five roadside bombs in Beit Leif village in the western sector of the security zone.

The string of deadly devices were discovered by SLA troops on operational duties in the region and were later safely destroyed by SLA sappers.

A statement issued by the IDF spokesman said the bombs had been planted by Hizbullah activists and were discovered by the SLA troops alongside a main road in the village, near the wall of a house.

The statement said that Israel had lodged a protest with the Grapes of Wrath monitoring committee over the incident.

The committee is expected to meet later in the week following the conclusion of the Id al-Fitr feast marking the end of Ramadan.

Cabinet puts off setting health tax exemptions

Acting on a request by Labor and Social Affairs Minister Eliyahu Yishai, the cabinet on Friday declined to determine a list of localities that will be exempt from paying pupils' health fees. The matter was referred to the Interministerial Economics Committee.

Jerusalem Post Staff

Moves afoot to revive moribund multilateral peace talks

By HILLEL KUTTLER

WASHINGTON – The multilateral peace talks, once considered a major aspect of Israeli-Arab conciliation but recently all but invisible, will show new signs of life beginning next month.

The working group on the environment is to meet in early March in Valencia, Spain. The multilateral steering committee, which last met two years ago, will gather in Moscow later in the month, an Israeli official said here Friday.

While the working group on refugees has continued to meet – including a session in Rome just two weeks ago – those on economic development, water and arms control have been on a more than year-long hiatus.

In the aftermath of last month's Hebron agreement, "there's an organized effort to move the multilateral talks forward," the official said.

The push comes amid American efforts to seize upon the agreement to prod Arab countries to make good on their pledges to continue normalization with Israel in accordance with progress towards peace.

"There's a sympathetic picture. What we found is the American conception that normalization is a part-and-parcel component of the peace process," the Israeli official said.

"It wouldn't surprise me if, with the renewal of the talks and contacts, we see a phenomenon of [Arab] states that don't have diplomatic ties with Israel, taking on larger loads in the talks."

Oman, Qatar and Tunisia froze emerging ties with Israel in the months after Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's election. Others, such as Saudi Arabia, have had no ties with Israel but participate in various multilateral groups.

The developments came at the conclusion of a two-day visit here by the foreign ministry's deputy director-general, Yoav Biran.

Biran met with US officials and Arab ambassadors to discuss moving the normalization process ahead.

A senior US official said that Washington has "been very active" post-Hebron making the case to various Arab states for states for "renewed progress on regional ties."

"We have been very encouraged by the responses we've received, by the public and private comments, that there's a recognition of the need to move forward," he said.

"There is a general recognition that the time was appropriate for the region to engage to support a reactivated Israeli- Palestinian track."

The US campaign is being conducted at various levels, but it "primarily involves Secretary [of State Madeleine] Albright," he said.

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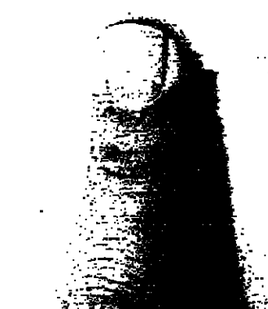
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20 crew feared dead as Cypriot freighter sinks off Norway

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OSLO – A Cyprus-registered freighter sank in heavy seas off the Norwegian coast Saturday, and everyone aboard – 20 crewmen – were missing and feared dead.

"There was a Polish crew of 20 people on board," said Elvbjoerg Vaage, spokeswoman for the Stavanger rescue service.

"The skipper [of the 22,000-ton *Leros Strength*] called at 7.50 a.m. to say the boat was taking in water from a hole in the bow. While one of us at the rescue center was speaking to him, the line went dead." The helicopter and seven ships were searching for survivors.

"We are not optimistic," said rescue service spokesman Anders Bang-Andersen.

"We were on the spot quickly. The helicopter pilot saw bubbles and diesel oil on the surface. Life vests and two empty lift rafts were floating in the sea. A plate with the ship's name on it was observed, too." He said a rescue service official spoke for three minutes with the captain, whose name was not known.

"The captain was calm," Bang-Andersen said. "But he knew they were in a serious situation and he asked for assistance, asked for help to save the crew and himself.

"He said he had problems navigating because of the hole in the bow. When we asked for a weather report the communication was broken. One theory is that the ship then suddenly sank," Bang-Andersen said.

Ships and a helicopter searching the waters in near-gale conditions spotted air bubbles from the sunken ship, debris, two empty life-rafts, life-vests and the ship's name plate, said Bang-Andersen.

The ship apparently went down quickly in the icy, 258-meter deep waters of the North Sea.

Despite more than eight hours of searching, no trace of survivors was found and rescue efforts were scaled down when darkness fell, said Eldbjorg Vaage, also of the rescue center.

One Norwegian coast guard vessel was remaining at the scene through the night.

"We'll still search, but considering that they have been missing since this morning, we're not optimistic," she said.

Hospitals in the region called off an alert when hours passed with no survivors recovered from the water, which was near-freezing at about 2C.

The captain may not have realized how serious the situation was until it was too late, since he made a routine radio call for assistance rather than an emergency "mayday" call, rescuers said.

The *Leros Strength*, a 22,000 ton bulk carrier, was freighting appatite, a crystalline mineral used in the manufacture of fertilizers, from Murmansk Russia, to Poland.

Built in 1976, it was registered on Cyprus but owned by Greek shipping company Leros Management, officials said.

It was the worst ship disaster off Norway for years.

In December 1995, 10 fishermen drowned when the Russian trawler *Novgorodets* sank in a storm off the Arctic province of Troms.

In October 1993, the Norwegian fishing boat *Bordanes* went down off the Arctic port of Hammerfest, killing nine seamen.



An ambulance crew prepares to ferry an elderly woman from the helicopter pad to a hospital in Palmerston North after she was wounded in the mass shooting in Raurimo, New Zealand in which six people were killed and as many as five others were wounded. (Reuter)

Tranquil New Zealand hamlet rocked by mass murder

By MATTHEW BROCKETT

RAURIMU, New Zealand (Reuter) - A gunman went on a shooting rampage in a rural New Zealand hamlet yesterday, killing six people and seriously wounding up to five others, in the latest in a series of mass murders that have shattered the country's tranquil image.

A 24-year-old man had been charged with one count of murder, police said. They had found the suspect naked and unarmed in farmland close to the scene of the slayings in this small North Island town of Raurimu near the active volcano Mount Ruapehu.

An eerie silence enveloped the dozen farmhouses that make up Raurimu late yesterday following the murders. There was little police presence and few signs of the early morning carnage.

The gunman, using a 12-gauge shotgun, cut a swathe through Raurimu starting at the Spiral Lodge, used by skiers frequenting Mount Ruapehu's ski slopes during the winter season, and moving to another lodge, leaving bodies scattered over a wide area.

Local residents said two of the victims were the parents of the alleged gunman and some of the others were related to him.

They said he had a history of psychiatric problems.

Police would not confirm those reports but said earlier that the victims might have been related to the suspect.

The proprietor of a nearby motel, who declined to be named, said some of the suspect's family had been in Raurimu for a reunion.

He understood the gunman had at one stage holed up in a bus shelter from where he fired randomly at oncoming traffic, and that one of the dead was a young woman who was walking along the roadside trying to hitch a ride.

"One guy was going to pick her up, then he saw the guy with the shotgun and kept going," the proprietor said. "He looked back and saw the woman getting shot to pieces." Police did not release the name of the suspect. They had earlier said there could be more victims but later called off the search.

Wanganui Acting District Commander Jeff Holloway said police took the suspect into custody shortly before midday.

The murders were committed around 9.00 a.m. yesterday.

"The victims have not yet been properly identified. We don't know all the names as yet. We believe that a number of them at least are residents and may be related to the suspect," he told a news conference. The wounded were ferried by helicopters to hospitals in the district.

Yesterday's slaying is the fifth mass slaughter in the 1990s to shock the country and undermine its image as a green and peaceful place.

In 1990, 13 people were killed by a young man in the hamlet of Aromana, near Dunedin on the South Island. The police shot the gunman David Gray dead after a siege.

In May, 1992, 64-year-old farmer Brian Schlaepfer shot or stabbed six members of his family before killing himself with a shotgun at Pukekohe, near the northern city of Auckland.

The following month, an unemployed 25-year-old man stabbed or bludgeoned to death seven relatives including five children in the quiet rural town of Masterton, north of Wellington.

Then in 1994 a family of two parents and three children were shot dead with a rifle. Son David Bain was convicted for the mass murders but protested his innocence contending the father carried out the murders before committing suicide.

The series of massacres have traumatized New Zealand's 3.5 million people who used to take pride in their relatively low rate of violence. Violent crime has been on the increase for a number of years.

Strong dollar focus of G-7 finance ministers' summit

By COLLEEN BARRY

BERLIN – The world's leading industrial democracies – America's allies and competitors – have gotten what they've been wanting for two years, a strong dollar to more evenly balance global trade.

Now, it's up to each nation to adopt the sound fiscal policies that will drive its own growth and maintain stability, the finance ministers and central bank chiefs of the Group of Seven nations agreed yesterday.

"Currency relationships cannot be set through statements," Germany's Finance Minister Theo Waigel said, summing up a developing consensus that talk alone won't control the dollar – the world's dominant currency.

The view that Japan, Canada, Germany, Italy, France and Britain are responsible for making their own currencies stronger investment targets was outlined in a joint statement issued after a day-long meeting.

The dollar's rise in the past two years was "just what we wished would happen," Waigel said as he opened the meeting in a converted palace on Berlin's Unter den Linden boulevard.

The meeting ended a few hours later with a joint statement saying: "We reaffirm our views that exchange rates should reflect economic fundamentals and that excessive volatility is undesirable." While agreeing that the problem of the undervalued dollar – outlined in an April 1995 G-7 meeting – had been fixed, the monetary officials did set an exact target for the US currency.

"It's not a question of a precise level. The present situation is more or less acceptable," said Hans Tietmeyer, Germany's central bank governor. He said the dollar's rise should be gradually ending, and expected the G-7 statement would give "a signal of stability to the markets."...US Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin seemed to agree.

PULLOUT

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rorists who rely on Syria and Iran," he told Channel 2 Friday.

"It is not easy to change this equation without at least changing the equation with Syria," Netanyahu said, alluding to the frozen Israel-Syrian peace talks and Damascus's role as a power broker in Lebanon.

Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak also told Channel 2 on Friday that Israel would not leave: "Today I don't know of any other solution that appears better to me than what we are doing now – with all the pain and the price entailed. There is a price to pay for security."

Mayors of towns and villages in the North urged the government on Friday not to consider a unilateral withdrawal, saying such a debate would hurt morale among residents and soldiers, according to Israel Radio.

Mordechai made it clear on Friday that Israel will not withdraw from south Lebanon unless arrangements are reached that would guarantee the safety and security of northern communities.

"We have no interest in being on Lebanese land. We do have a vital security need [to be there], and as long as we know that from there we are giving security to northern communities, we will be there," said Mordechai.

"When a solution is found that somebody else can guarantee that security, IDF soldiers will be the first to be happy to leave Lebanese territory," he said.

Mordechai spoke to reporters after attending the funeral at Kibbutz Deganya Alef on Friday of Armored Corps officer Lt. Eran-Hai Peretz, 21, who was among those killed in the helicopter disaster last Tuesday.

Peretz was laid to rest alongside the grave of his uncle, airman Capt. Eran Cohen, after whom he was named, who died during the Yom Kippur War. His remains were discovered 18 months ago and his body brought back to Israel for burial at the kibbutz.

Chirac pays glowing tribute to Harriman

PARIS, (Reuter) - French President Jacques Chirac paid glowing tribute yesterday to the late US ambassador Pamela Harriman at a leave-taking ceremony which drew a discreet veil over Franco-American tensions.

The French head of state, senior US officials including National Security Advisor Samuel Berger, and relatives gathered to recall the glittering past and the four-year Paris tenure of Harriman, who died on Wednesday of a brain hemorrhage, aged 76.

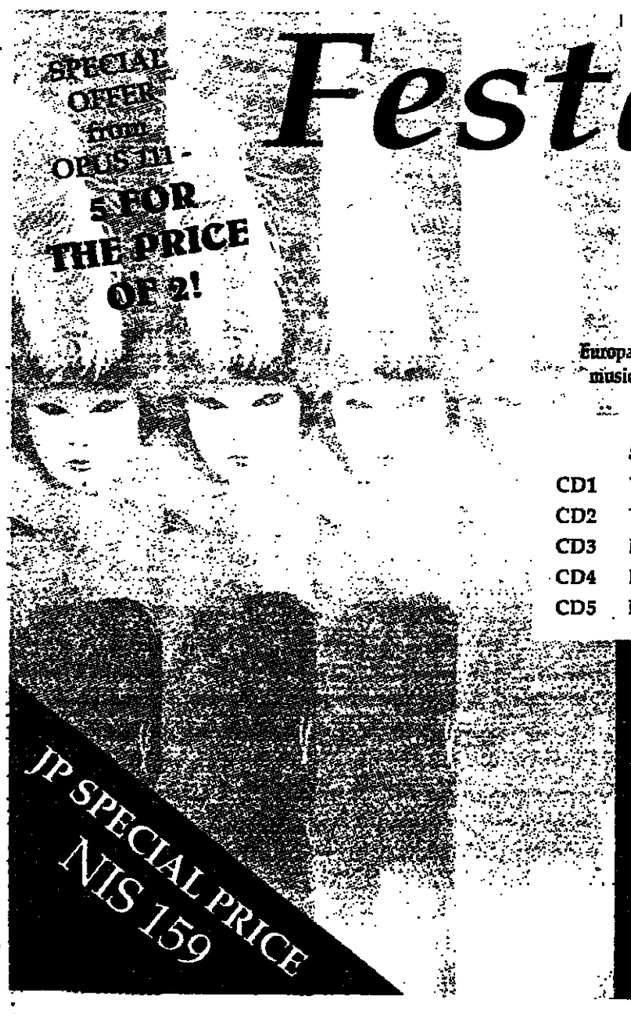
Highlighting their common revolutionary legacy, both US Marines and French Republican Guards stood watch in crisp sunshine over Harriman's wooden coffin, draped in the Stars and Stripes and placed on the garden terrace of the embassy residence.

Drawing his wife Bernadette to his side, a grim-faced Chirac paused silently before the casket before addressing guests including Italian magnate Gianni Agnelli, one of the many wealthy and powerful men Harriman was linked to as wife or companion.

"Two centuries ago, Benjamin Franklin and then Thomas Jefferson represented in Paris a nascent America. In 1993, President Bill Clinton chose an exceptional person to follow in their footsteps," Chirac said in a speech.

"To say that she was an exceptional representative of the United States in France does not do justice to her achievement: she lent to our long standing alliance the radiant strength of her personality. She was elegance itself. She was grace." Harriman was "also a peerless diplomat", indispensable to both Clinton and himself in helping find the way forward to agreement, Chirac said.

Chirac placed on the coffin the red sash of the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honor. He told her a month ago that he planned to give her France's highest award. "It is my great regret that the ceremony has become a last leave-taking."



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the molecule to be activated.

Their research, partly funded by grants from the Science Ministry, Inter-Lab of Ness Ziona and its parent company Ares Trading SA of Switzerland, may also increase understanding of the development of AIDS.

Scientists suspect HIV somehow "recognizes" NF-kB, regarding it as a signal to become more active.

This may explain why HIV carriers often develop full-blown AIDS after coming down with another illness: this could activate NF-kB and set off the immune response to fight that illness, but simultaneously it goads the HIV virus to awaken.

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The Oslo 2 agreement specified that "all female detainees and prisoners shall be released in the first stage of release. The first stage of release will take place on the signing of this agreement [September 28, 1995]."

The violation of this agreement helped weaken the fabric of trust between the previous government and the PA.

More prisoners were to have been released in the second stage, which was to have taken place a year ago, prior to the Palestinian Council elections on January 20, 1996. There is also to be a third stage of releases during the permanent-status negotiations.

Arafat deputy Mahmoud Abbas told reporters after a PA cabinet meeting Thursday night that, at the Erez summit meeting today, Arafat will also raise the issue of eight negotiating subcommittees to deal with issues remaining from the interim talks.

Yesterday, on the first day of Id al-Fitr, Arafat visited the home of Sheikh Yassin and of Ahmed Siftawi, a veteran Fatah activist shot in 1994 before Arafat arrived in Gaza.

Last night the Tel Aviv-based Women Against Political Prisoners group praised what it called the cabinet's "tardy" decision to release the women prisoners.

DRIVE CAREFULLY

TELL ME WHY

Time really flies when you're getting old

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

As I get older, I feel time flies faster. Is there any biological reason for this or is it psychological? Ronny, Omer.

Nitza Eyal, a psychologist at Tel Aviv University's Herczeg Institute on Aging, who recently wrote a book on this subject called Ha'zman Ha'amiti, *answers:*

This is a fascinating and very complicated subject with a number of hypotheses, but no one has proven them scientifically.

Some suggest that subjective perception of the passage of time is relative to how long one has lived. For a four-year-old, a year is a quarter of his life, thus time goes slowly for youngsters. For an 80-year-old, a year is a small fraction of his life, thus time goes quickly for him.

Others argue this perception is connected to metabolic processes and biological cycles. After middle age, the body works more slowly; the stimulation of the central nervous system, for example, and other biological functions, proceed at a slower pace, and it takes longer to do things, so time passes faster.

Another possibility is that from middle age, people simply see that their time on earth is limited; it's like watching the sand in an hourglass with more on the bottom than the top. You feel pressured by the lack of time left, so time passes quickly.

In addition, new experiences during childhood and adolescence make time seem to stop. These expand perceived time. But in middle age, *deja vu* can set in, because you've seen things before, making time go faster. (Thomas Mann writes about this in one of his works.)

The matter is complicated by how busy one is. An older person who has enjoyable hobbies and spends time with people he likes will find that time passes more quickly. But if he is disabled and in a geriatric facility, waiting for a doctor for an hour or getting through a meal can make time go very slowly. Often when an elderly person tells me time flies, there's a good chance that he's optimistic and finds life fulfilling.

What is the evolutionary benefit of fingerprints on man? Do any other mammals, besides apes, have them? Yona, Or Yehuda.

Prof. Yoel Rak, a physical anthropologist at Tel Aviv University, replies:

I don't know of any other animals that have fingerprints besides apes.

But having them doesn't always mean that they offer an evolutionary benefit. In recent years, we scientists have discovered more and more that they are by-products of evolutionary processes that, in effect, just go along for the ride. This is called "pliotropy."

It is like medical syndromes: if natural selection works to determine eye color, the shape of the ears may go along with a specific eye color, but the ear shape has no evolutionary benefit. It's clear that all fingerprint patterns are genetically derived, but that doesn't necessarily mean they contribute to the survival of the species.

Nevertheless, there is no proven answer. Some suggest that having fingerprints could indeed have offered evolutionary benefits in apes by giving a surer grip while climbing. Others say fingerprints indicate more sensitivity to touch due to the concentration of sensory cells below the skin. But we don't really know the answer.

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Computers for all

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH



A project has been launched to ensure kids from poor families can buy computers. (Richard Nowitz)

What is the point in giving a NIS 6,000 computer to a child with an unemployed parent who has too little income to spend on decent housing, clothes, schoolbooks and perhaps even nutritious food?

A new project called "A Computer for Every Child" is aimed at making 100,000 elementary-school youngsters in the two lowest deciles of the socio-economic scale computer literate in order to upgrade their learning skills, improve their self-esteem and give them a chance to compete in the job market in the decades ahead.

Since the highest level of charity, according to Jewish tradition, is helping someone to support himself, this project is aimed at freeing disadvantaged children from the cycle of poverty instead of merely giving them charity.

The project was initiated by the Operation for Social Development, a voluntary effort headed by Yuli Ofer and other local businesspeople including Gabi Sabag of ORS manpower company, Hanan Achsaf of Motorola-Israel, Yehoshua Maor of IBM-Israel and Arye Scop of Microsoft-Israel.

A month before the elections last May, then-premier Shimon Peres warmly endorsed the idea and afterward Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu personally gave it his blessing. The government recently decided to establish a public council, headed by Prime Minister's Office director-general Avigdor Lieberman, to run it with the group of businesspeople. JDC-Israel, which in 1995 launched a smaller pilot project that distributed 800 PCs among disadvantaged children around the country, will provide organizational backing.

Arnon Mantver, JDC-Israel's director-general, notes that the lessons it learned during the past two-and-a-half years will benefit the much more ambitious project being launched. An important facet of the "A Computer for Every Child" campaign will be to require every child to undergo a 60-hour computer course in his community along with a parent or an older sibling, to ensure that the PCs don't just sit around collecting dust (or aren't sold to buy lottery tickets). Families won't get the modem-equipped Pentium computer unless they complete the course and pay a nominal fee of NIS 150. The recipients will be selected with help from local social workers and include haredim, Russian and Ethiopian immigrants and Arabs as well as other other Israelis.

Mantver adds that the public tender for computer hardware and software will be the "biggest-ever single contract" of this kind in the country.

The $50 million, five-year project is being financed equally by the government (which will allocate money from ministry budgets and bequests), local authorities, and private and company donations from Israel and abroad.

Having computer skills increasingly determines whether a young person will be employable, Mantver says. In the two lower socio-economic deciles, only seven percent of homes have a PC, while they are found in the large majority of well-off homes. Distributing 30,000 computers to disadvantaged children, says the the JDC-Israel chief, will help shrink this gap.

All the computers will be hooked up to the Internet, giving the recipients the great advantage of being able to communicate with others throughout the country and the world, and will boost their English-language abilities. The package will also come with a variety of software, utilities as well as edutainment and games.

Rami Baksanski, a sixth grader at Hameginim School in Ashdod, received his computer last year as part of JDC-Israel's pilot project. The boy, who immigrated from Moldova six years ago with his mother and older sister (now a medical student at Ben-Gurion University), spends five or six hours a day working on his computer after learning how to use it at his local community center.

Rami, whose mother was a bookkeeper in their native country and who is now looking for a job, says that he and his friends "hardly talk about TV anymore. The project gave computers to most of the children in class, so now we talk about programs and disk drives." As the PCs distributed last year were not souped-up Pentiums and lacked modems, Rami dreams of upgrading his PC, but he has already managed to add memory and a CD-ROM drive. His class works for three hours a week on computers at school, but at home he's able to do other things and to practice.

He dreams of going into the computer field when he grows up. Anyone thinking of contributing to the "A Computer For Every Child" project should know how much it gives children self confidence and teaches them skills, he says.

Maor of IBM-Israel, which will donate goods and services to the project, says that he isn't bothered by the idea of recipients spending time playing computer games instead of educational programs all the time.

"Computer games are important too. Foreign studies show that abilities gained while playing computer games are vital to the development of technological and cognitive skills and are an important learning tool."

Asked whether it would have been better to invest the $50 million in a long school day or books instead, Scop of Microsoft-Israel says: "Of course I'd prefer giving all the children a comfortable home and a long school day in a classroom with only 20 children, and I could add other vital needs as well. But the fact that all this can't be accomplished in Israel in 1997 doesn't mean we should give up. Developing computer skills is vital to the development of children in the 21st century no less than other things."

The prime minister made an appearance at a recent fund-raising event attended by businesspeople, who donated some NIS 4 million worth of computers.

In addition, Scop's company has pledged $4 million worth of software to the project, including the Windows 95 operating system, word-processing, educational programs and electronic spreadsheets. The Safra Brothers donated 150 computers and Bezeq, 50. Hod Ami computer publishing will provide NIS 100,000 worth of material, including a special program that teaches youngsters how to use Windows 95, while Supersol will organize fund-raising campaigns among customers in all its branches.

For further information, contact Ami Bergman at JDC-Israel and the Operation for Social Development, Givat Ram, Jerusalem, telephone (02) 655-7111.

DISK-COVERY

Clicking through 'my first encyclopedia'

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

Ha'Encylopedia Harishona Sheli (My First Encyclopedia), a CD-ROM for children aged five to 12, produced by Knowledge Adventure in the US, translated into Hebrew and marketed by Mirage Multimedia, NIS 149.

Rating: four-and-a-half stars out of five

How does a company produce an encyclopedia for children as young as five who don't yet read? It's impossible unless one goes about it the way Knowledge Adventure does – very successfully – using a CD-ROM chock full of sound, video film, photos and drawings. There is only a bit of text for the older children, who will enjoy the program as much as their pre-school siblings.

Obviously, it isn't a real encyclopedia as it doesn't cover the gamut of subjects presented in a printed volume, but it does deal with many: the solar system, food, the human body, music and art, transportation, climate, geography, animals, the community and occupations.

These topics are cleverly displayed as pictures on a tree, which takes up several computer screens from top to bottom: young users reach the topic merely by rolling the mouse up and down and clicking on what they want. Some of the topics, such as an owl, the moon or a grasshopper, are represented by small icons and offer a short explanation using pictures and a video clip. But the major topics are dealt with in detail, and all of them include a drawing program, puzzles and a question-and-answer section. Just click on the picture of a child and you'll get the answer. It's a shame users aren't given the chance to choose the answer themselves; they could have been given a choice of pictures without text.

The program teaches about the planets in the solar system and how lunar and solar eclipses are produced; offers an attractive photo album of animals and details about their habits; and presents jobs, from jet pilot (interestingly, the one shown is a woman) to athlete.

The arts section tells about Bach and Tchaikovsky, Van Gogh and Picasso, and shows the nude David statue by "Michael Angelo" (*sic*) [this minor detail, and the appearance of a teenage girl in a sleeveless shirt, may annoy haredi parents, who otherwise would like this disk]. A charming feature is a music map; click any of two dozen symbols and hear a country's style of music, accompanied by a photograph; although Israel is not on the continental maps in the geography section, it is represented on the musical map with a *hora*. The food section offers a variety of recipes to make with adults and conveniently allows users to print them out.



Ha'Encylopedia Harishona Sheli doesn't cover the gamut of subjects presented in a printed volume, but it does deal with many.

I have only two minor complaints: the dubbed-in Hebrew is delivered at a rapid clip, and may be too fast for younger users. In addition, clicking some items causes the program to return to Windows for a few seconds, however, it quickly recovers. But all in all, children will enjoy this cornucopia of learning material.

Sipurei Savta (Grandmother's Tales), a Hebrew translation of the CD-ROM by Living Books (Random House/Broderbund Company); distributed here by Mirage Multimedia, for pre-school children, NIS 159.

Rating: one star out of five

The only good thing about this CD-ROM is the credits: the musical animation it gives when showing who produced this highly disappointing program for children is imaginative. The problem is the program itself.

The disk is based on a simple children's story, *Just Grandma and Me*, by Mercer Meyer (I hope that's the correct translation; the credits, incredibly, don't list the English spellings or the title of the book). The disk consists entirely of a meager 12 frames. A rodent-like animal with the Hebrew voice of a girl listed as Gal Cohen tells how she went to the beach with her grandmother. They fly kites, play in the sand, go into the water for a dip, get tired and then go home. That's it, with no sophistication, educational message or games as a bonus.

One may listen to the story being recited, but the Hebrew is given without vowels, so the child can't use it to learn reading.

When the text is being read, the mouse is frozen so you're forced to listen to the short text without the option of escaping.

The arrows allowing the user to proceed to the next page or go back to the previous one are in the same direction as the original English-language version; this is very confusing to the young Hebrew-speaking child, as to go ahead, one must click the arrow facing right instead of left. In the absence of games, the user may click on various objects on the screen to get fish to jump out of a pail and the like, but this is really very pedestrian.

It's surprising that such major US companies would produce such an unattractive product and that Mirage, which markets the above-reviewed encyclopedia disk and offers a wide variety of other impressive software, made such a poor choice. Considering what you get for NIS 159, perhaps one should translate the title of this CD-ROM as *bubba meises*.

NEW WORLDS

True colors of the 'Big Orange'

By POST SCIENCE REPORTER

Tel Aviv appears as splotches of red, yellow, blue and green in the first-ever study of the city's thermal characteristics made possible by satellite imaging and an airborne thermal-sensing system. The red end of the spectrum signals higher temperatures while the blue shows cooler areas.

The study, carried out by Tel Aviv University researchers, was sponsored by the Ministry of National Infrastructures (formerly the Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure). Thermal satellite and airborne imagery are relatively new tools for monitoring the urban environment, according to an article in the winter issue of *Israel Energy News*.

The thermal images showed distinct and measurable differences among parts of Tel Aviv; the variations showed up even on single avenues.

There were temperature differences of five or six degrees Celsius between some parts of Jaffa and in northern Tel Aviv, for example. The images show that high-rise buildings along the Mediterranean shore block off winds and cause streets to the east to be warmer.

The researchers are able to analyze the data, to calculate average temperatures and the effects of trees, heavy traffic and buildings, as well as get an overview of the entire urban area at different times of the day and night.

ATTENSHUN! TURN ON YOUR PC

The Israel Defense Forces will soon open an Internet site to interact with Israeli residents and provide information; a separate Intranet (called Zahalnet) – accessible only to authorized people inside the IDF – will soon be ready as well and ensure top security, according to the *Anashim U'Mahshevim* computer weekly.

Reservists will be able to access the IDF Internet site and get information; they will even be able to ask for a deferment of duty when necessary. The site will also offer a large amount of information to teenagers before enlistment, on courses, draft procedures and the various corps in the IDF. IBM-Israel has been chosen by tender to establish the site and maintain it for at least a year.

The internal network, Zahalnet, will encompass all the IDF's professional literature (such as manuals for operating tanks or maintaining planes). It will also integrate small video cameras and microphones to allow officers to consult with each other through secure video-conferences, saving them the time of driving to urgent meetings.

PENT-UP PENTIUM

If you've recently bought a personal computer with a conventional Pentium processor, it's already out of date. The latest thing in PCs is Intel's MMX processor, which was developed by engineers at Intel's Haifa facility and is making a big splash around the world.

It's expensive, but it isn't required by everybody; it greatly improves the performance of multimedia and virtual-reality applications, and electronic photo editing. It's also speedy: it carries out 400 million calculations per second. It will operate any program installed in your computer 10 to 20 percent faster than a conventional Pentium processor. Its availability is pushing down prices of the conventional Pentium.

The Green Shop chain of computer equipment has won exclusive rights to market the MMX processor, with PC prices that contain it ranging from NIS 7,300 to NIS 11,600, depending on what else comes with it.

Meanwhile, Super-Shivuk Technologies, which represents Packard Bell-NEC here, said that all of its multimedia computers will come with the MMX processor.

BATTERY-RUN 'TOILET PAPER'

Israelis, used to public toilets lacking toilet paper, will be glad to hear about a new Japanese invention: the portable, battery-operated "bottom washer," which can be slipped into a purse or hip pocket. Reuter reported that the device, about the size of a paperback book, is being put on sale by Matsushita Battery Industrial Company. The bidet-like gadget weighs just 275 grams and holds 200 milliliters of water, which is squirted out through a collapsible nozzle. The units, which have adjustable water pressure, cost 11,000 yen ($91) each.

"Apart from uses stemming from hygienic reasons, the washer is useful on camping trips and when changing baby's nappies," a company spokeswoman said. "More and more Japanese are installing toilets with automatic washing functions in their homes and many want to use them in public lavatories as well," the spokeswoman said.

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HEALTH SCAN

Safe open-heart surgery for the elderly

By POST HEALTH REPORTER

Grandpa, and even great-grandma, can undergo open-heart surgery with relative safety due to recent improvements in medical techniques, according to cardiothoracic surgeons at the Rabin Medical Center-Beilinson Campus and Tel Aviv University's Sackler School of Medicine.

Writing in the latest issue of the *Israel Journal of Medical Sciences*, marking Beilinson's 60th anniversary, Drs. Gideon Sahar, Ehud Ra'anani, Alex Sagie, Niv Ad and Bernardo Vidne report on a study dealing with octogenarian patients. Forty-two patients, constituting nearly 2 percent of those treated in the department during a period of three years, underwent bypass surgery or aortic valve replacement or both. In two out of three cases, the treatment was urgent rather than elective. Many of the patients had other diseases, including renal failure, chronic obstructive lung disease, high blood pressure, diabetes and peripheral vascular disease.

Their cases were followed up for nearly three years after surgery, examining their daily functioning, use of medications and physical health. The rate of those dying in surgery was 2.4 percent, and an additional 4.7 percent died within three months of the operation. A quarter of the patients suffered at least one major complication and some had more than one, but the conditions of most patients improved significantly. They were hospitalized after surgery for an average of 11 days. The most serious complication was a stroke, but this risk can be reduced by performing a trans-esophageal echo study before or during surgery.

While bypass surgery in those over 80 is still considered very risky, recent studies – this one included – show it can be performed with relative safety; valve replacement is somewhat more complicated. Mortality of 2 to 12 percent is not much greater than in young patients with the same risk factors, the surgeons write. Surgical intervention "clearly improved survival" compared with continuation of medications and other therapies.

BLACK & BLUE ... AND RED

Plaster casts for broken limbs are not only heavy, but also itchy and hot inside and have to be kept out of the water. But various clinics and hospitals are now offering waterproof casts made of light plastic and covered with red or blue gauze; if the patient has a broken leg, it can be walked on half an hour after being put on instead of after four days. They can even wear a regular shoe instead of having a metal heel attached below it (whose presence often causes poor posture and back pains).

The casts weighs in at a ninth of the weight of the conventional plaster-of-Paris version, thus patients can get around easily without suffering atrophy of their muscles.

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NATO's day is done

In the continuing and often heated debates over the proposed enlargement of NATO eastwards, none of the principals involved on the Western side seem to have asked themselves a simple question – why? In fact, as well as ask themselves why expand, they should go on to ask themselves "why NATO?"

The French, who usually can be relied upon for a maverick opinion, are more consumed on this issue by unenlightened self-interest in trying to grab a more prestigious command position in the organization. President Jacques Chirac, backed by the Germans, has merely come up with a suggestion for a summit of the main powers in April - in Paris, needless to say - to devise a new relationship between NATO and Russia.

As in many international disputes, form in this case appears to be at least as important as substance and all the Western powers are showing extraordinary insensitivity to the views of Russian leaders and the Russian people. The substance is that yes, of course the European Union and its neighbors on the continent need a defense system. The form is - why does it have to be this anachronism called NATO?"

NATO is as much a Cold War beast as the Warsaw Pact was. The two military blocs were specifically set up to defend the two political blocs, the free democracies and the Communist front. The fact that Communism "lost" the struggle does not necessarily mean that the West "won" it, despite being put in such terms by former leaders like Margaret Thatcher and Ronald Reagan. Yet NATO represents to the Russians a continuing Western attempt to gloat over its victory. This has gone beyond a celebration of the end of Communism, which most Russians could share quite happily, to a perception that Russia as a nation was somehow "defeated."

This is not a good impression to be giving, however mistaken it may be. Where national pride is concerned, perceptions are often more potent than dry facts or explanations. Recent news reports on the NATO debate constantly use phrases like "disarray" in the West's attempts to persuade Russia that it really is OK for Western forces to expand eastwards. When they say it is not OK, the Russians have a point that is not being taken seriously.

Russians for 50 years were schooled and reared on the theory that NATO was their enemy. As long as the name and the organization remains in existence, the perception will linger that it is anti-Russian and must be regarded with suspicion. It is high time to sweep away the last vestiges of Cold War habits which everyone knows can all too easily be revived. There already have been arguments over the continued operations of the old intelligence enemies, the CIA and the KGB. The arguments over "NATO expansionism" will not go away unless a radical effort is made to bury the issue for good and all.

NATO does not need a summit to persuade the Russians to accept its unilateral plans. It does need a summit to consider scrapping the entire outfit and consulting with the Russians and east Europeans on a defense organization to replace it - with a new name and a new charter that replaces the historical anti-Communist (and by association anti-Russian) model.

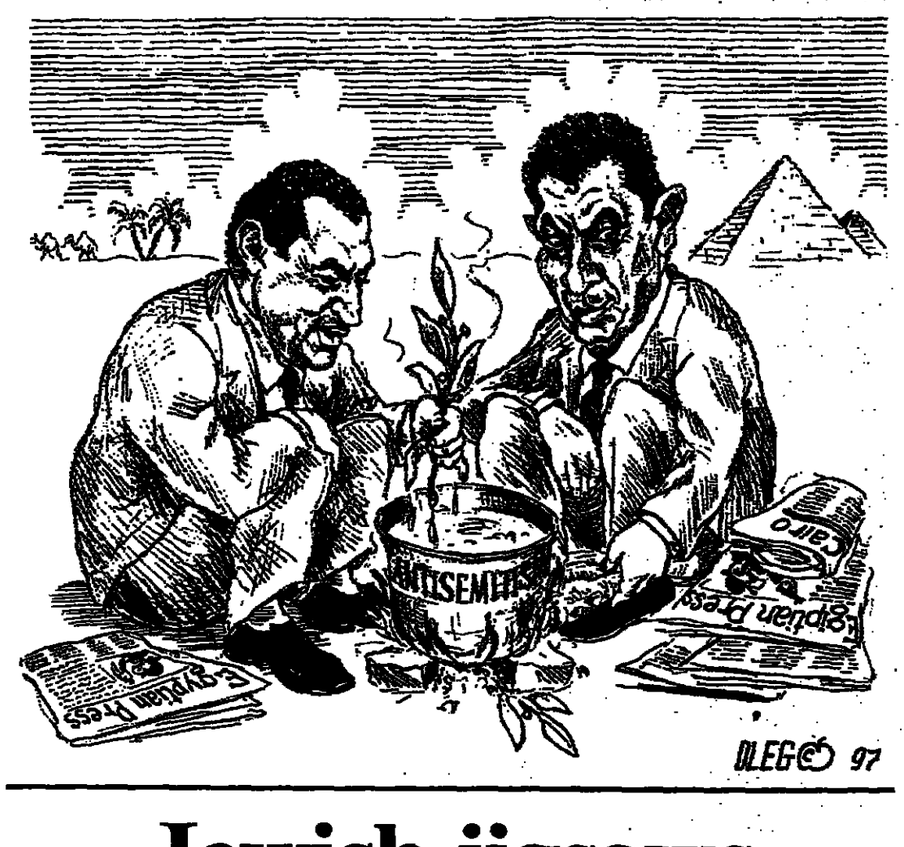
Russia also suspects that the eagerness of their former Warsaw Pact allies to join NATO is more an act of revenge on Russia than an imperative defense need. Norway and Denmark are pushing strongly for the Baltic states - Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania - to be admitted, a move that would bring NATO into an area Moscow still resents the most for the way it left the Soviet Union and for the perceived ill treatment of ethnic Russians in some of the republics.

Many of NATO's old provisions need rethinking in any case. The "automatic response" provision, that an attack on any one NATO country is an attack on all of its members was a necessary red line provision in an era of nuclear confrontation. Such a provision is untenable in the new world disorder. Most NATO politicians will have forgotten the old defense organization known as CENTO which grouped Turkey, Pakistan, India and the Shah's Iran under a British nuclear umbrella operated out of Cyprus.

It collapsed in 1974 amid Pakistani recriminations that CENTO's "automatic trigger" was conveniently ignored when it was attacked by India. Just as embarrassing was CENTO member Britain's failure to act over Turkey's invasion of Cyprus in 1974. Of course the provision about an attack on one member being an attack on all was never meant to cover members attacking one another - as in NATO it was transparently anti-Soviet and nothing else.

NATO has transferred its anti-Soviet stance to an anti-Russian one in the eyes of most patriotic Russians and all the reassurances and denials in the world will not change that fact. The most sensible step now is to send NATO the same way as CENTO. Even in the Cold War 1970s, the world did not become any more or less unstable after the demise of the expensive and futile Central Treaty Organization.

At present there seems little sign of any radical sensible thinking in NATO - in fact the whole debate over its expansion is little more than a mess. Even France agrees with its allies that Moscow - strongly opposed to the whole idea - should not have a veto on the expansion. All the members say enlargement must not create new divisions in Europe and that a charter enshrining a close cooperative relationship with Russia should be worked out. It does not seem such a great step to ask Russia what sort of European defense pact it might consider joining, or at least what type of one it would not mind its former satellites joining. The United States and Europe will not be overrun by Russian hordes if the 16-nation NATO were to bid itself farewell with accolades for a job well done but one that no longer needs doing.



Jewish jigsaws

DOV BURT LEVY

Many people are now wondering how US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright did not know she was born of a Jewish family. Some may think she did know, and was covering it up.

But to me she seemed genuinely astonished when she told the *Washington Post* last week that she had been unaware that three of her grandparents had been Jewish, and that they had died in Nazi concentration camps.

My sympathies are with her now as she tries to piece together her background and come to grips with a dimension of her life that has lain buried. I will be interested to see how she copes with this new and perhaps startling knowledge.

My first experience of this kind of thing occurred in Washington DC, 20 years ago, with a (divorced) woman and her daughter, coffee-and-cake friends, who lived just a few houses down the street. The woman had four other grown children, and all lived as nonpracticing Christians.

I once mentioned to my wife that the mother seemed "just a little Jewish." This impression came from the woman's speech (she had grown up in New York), her sense of humor (irony and sarcasm) and from her sister, who had retired to Florida and visited once in a while.

But this kind of probe into another's background was not a wise thing to pursue, because in America what one is or believes is a very private business. So there the matter remained.

Ten years ago, when the woman died, her sister got up and announced to the children: "Enough of this cover-up.

"Your mother and father were Jewish. After World War II, when your father was looking for a law job in Washington, they both thought that life would be easier for them – and for you – if you were thought to be Christians."

And so it was. None of the children had engaged in even the vague kind of speculation I had.

The revelation thus came as a complete shock to them; but it did not (as far as I was able to tell) change their lives in any essential way. They are all still nonpracticing Christians.

What Albright's parents did is understandable.

Many Jews, in Nazi Germany and in Soviet Russia, hid their antecedents as best they could. Often it was simply a matter of survival, akin to the situation of the Marranos in Spain – except that this century's Jews-in-hiding usually did not retain, or want to retain, any vestige of the Jewish ritual that had been a part of their former lives.

So Madeleine Albright has discovered her roots. Will she tend them?

Israel today may have something like a million people who might have, but didn't, bury their Jewishness. While I am full of gratitude to them, I cannot find it in my heart to deplore those who chose otherwise.

THE US is a country which has always looked to the future, rather than back at the past. Its vast size and large immigrant and mobile population make the American brand of anonymity more profound, perhaps, than that of any other nation in the world.

Fewer than half of America's people live within commuting distance of the place where they grew up. And this has had a direct and enormous impact not only on family "togetherness," but also on the sense of, and attitude to, family continuity and history.

Many Americans remember John Kennedy's vow to put men in space; but few remember, or care, that Kennedy had a father who was, to put it mildly, less than savory. An antisemite and an early supporter of Hitler, Kennedy senior made his money bootlegging booze in the US during Prohibition.

At the more savory end of the spectrum, few Americans know anything about the aristocratic backgrounds of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt, though many still remember what they did for the working class, and how they related to it.

Some historians explain it like this: America, they say, was "born free." What they mean is that it never had to fight a serious revolution that transferred power from one class to another.

Compared with what happened in France, Russia – or Israel's struggle to be born – the Boston Tea Party was a small affair. It just isn't remembered in the same way as other national births.

Other scholars stress the "frontier" theory of American history – that just as the US in its formative years had land expansion enough for everyone, it now offers economic expansion to those seeking opportunity and riches.

Almost everyone in America knows Bill Gates is America's richest man, worth some $20 billion. Who cares about his religion or nationality? The relevant and interesting thing about him is Windows 97, not who or what his grandparents were.

In this sort of context it becomes understandable that Madeleine Albright had to climb right up to being secretary of state before the press began to probe her background seriously.

Now she will have to deal with this very intense and personal issue; and I suspect she won't have the time, clarity of mind, or desire to do so until her tenure as secretary of state is over.

Then – dare I predict? – unlike my neighbor's children, who decided that their Jewishness was an interesting but largely irrelevant fact, Albright will do things that will surprise the public.

I'm not talking pie in the sky here. Albright is a serious thinker. She knows that today's America (and today's world) is incredibly different for Jews from the country her parents confronted 50 years ago.

Whatever choice she makes will come out of her deep understanding of historical and human processes, and she will keep my respect.

But I'm looking forward, 15 years from now, to welcoming her on Israel soil as a fellow citizen, and to maybe riding an Egged bus with her on a senior citizens' outing from Tel Aviv to Metulla.

If and when she finally does make aliya – remember, you read it here first.

The writer is a former political science professor.

Golden age?

HELEN MOTRO

In her living room in the early '50s, my mother hosted the first New York meeting of the women's Red Magen David for Israel. Last week, 45 years later, she collapsed on the street in Tel Aviv. Within minutes she was being loaded onto a stretcher and wheeled into a Magen David Adom ambulance.

The young medic, delicate and gentle, sped her away toward the hospital.

"I'm not turning on the siren because I think she is stable and I don't want to shock her," he told me. "But let me know right away if you notice any change." Only after making certain she was attended to did he prepare to leave the emergency room. I asked his name.

"Yitzik," he replied.

"Yitzik what?"

"Just Yitzik," he called over his shoulder.

After my mother was released, she looked back at her hospital stay philosophically.

"Well, I finally got a ride with Red Magen David," she said. Thanks to Yitzik, hers was a good one.

Yitziks, unfortunately, are the exception. The elderly often meet impatience – even callousness – from the generation to whom they have yielded the stage.

My mother came home to find her 1997 television tax bill waiting on her doorstep. In bold type across the top it read, "The Knesset has decided to repeal the 50 percent reduction [for senior citizens]." This year pensioners pay NIS 447 instead of NIS 223.

With the same blow, the Knesset also killed their 30 percent reduction in municipality taxes, as well as reduced fees on a myriad of cultural events. "The only thing they left us is the bus fare," I heard one man say bitterly.

LIKE THE sons in Pearl Buck's *The Good Earth* who plot to sell their father's land even as, with seeming solicitude, they lead the old man across his beloved field, our society throws the aged a pittance, while going on with the business that really matters.

In this country, 'gray power' is still in diapers

The health funds print glossy brochures advertising a new "personal approach." But medical staff may brush off a hard-of-hearing pensioner who overstays his allocated 10-minute slot.

An old woman arriving at the National Insurance Institute office might wait hours to be seen, then, when her turn comes, be snapped at.

Theaters get PR mileage out of the discounts they offer to the elderly. In practice, reduced rates often apply only to the earliest afternoon show, or are excluded altogether for first-run movies. It is as if the pensioner is being told that he too has dropped to the rank of a second-run film.

Sometimes an apparent benefit carries a sting.

The Co-Op supermarket chain grants the elderly a 7 percent discount on every purchase. But Co-Op recently raised the minimum amount entitling free home delivery to NIS 250.

To the aged, often living alone, that sum means a major purchase. Yet even one bag of groceries may be too heavy to carry home.

The result? It isn't unusual for an older person to wait until his or her cupboard is almost bare before going to the market – to buy just enough to avoid the delivery charge.

The humane view of ourselves we like to promote includes platitudes like honoring the "Golden Age." But while we are busy patting ourselves on the back, the people we refer to are at the mercy of chance.

In the US the American Association of Retired Persons is an active lobby, and Germany has its Gray Panthers.

But in Israel, gray power is still in diapers. Here senior citizens lack clout, both as individuals and as a group.

A Jewish parable tells of a boy who, seeing his grandfather being given a wooden dish to eat from while the rest of the family dines off porcelain plates, promptly starts preparing a wooden bowl for his own father.

We might do well to reflect on this story, envisioning ourselves one day grasping a senior discount voucher in one trembling hand, while trying to catch the attention of an indifferent civil servant with the other.

Let's stop disregarding the elderly, lest one day we find ourselves being disregarded.

The writer is an attorney.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

JOURNALISTIC ETHICS

Sir, – I don't usually agree with Susan Hattis Rolef's views on politics and government, so I thought I would like to pass on a well-deserved pat on the back for her column, "Way out of line," (January 27).

The bias and animosity in Ayala Hasson's so-called "revelations" were evident. Ms. Rolef correctly points to the equally biased way in which many members of the media are blatantly enjoying the "scandal" with little interest in a balanced attempt to evaluate the evidence presented (or lacking) – or even a careful, occasional use of the term "alleged" in restating the situation which Ms. Hasson and Channel 1 presented to the nation.

I would add that a society will agree to protect the rights of members of a profession if, and only to the extent that, the members of that profession show a desire and an ability to control their own behavior. Publishers and editors and fellow reporters carry a heavy responsibility – to evaluate the factuality of what a reporter presents to the public, to speak with and double check the veracity of the reporter's sources and to prevent unbalanced accounts of an ambitious reporter. Only in this way can the media earn the trust of the public and the privilege of "protecting sources from public exposure."

I believe that Ms. Hasson has violated this trust and her superiors and the management of Channel 1 have neglected their duty. Perhaps it is time for Ms. Rolef and those of her colleagues who agree with her to establish a board of inquiry to investigate the extent to which this event has been a breach of correct and professional behavior.

BARBARA BERAN

Ra'anana.

FOR A BETTER FUTURE

Sir, – I read Rabbi Ron Kronish's article of February 2, "The other peace process," with great interest and agree totally with the contents.

I would however like to draw your attention to the fact that, following the tragic murder of Nahshon Wachsman, a sense of unity and identification that had never been experienced before encompassed not only the Israeli population, but extended to Diaspora Jewry as well. Expressions of support streamed in from all corners of the globe from Moslems, Christians and Jews alike.

In the wake of these reactions, the Nahshon Wachsman Center for Tolerance and Understanding was established last December, under the auspices of Beit Morasha of Jerusalem – Center for Advanced Jewish Studies. This center creates study frameworks, conferences and a meeting forum between Christians, Jews and Moslems. Last December, the first such inter-religious meeting took place between Christians, Jews and Moslems on the subject of Hanukka, during which 80 participants of various religious beliefs concentrated on the different sources relating to Hanukka. The meeting was deemed a great success by all those taking part.

Further meetings, dialogues and conferences are scheduled to take place with the aim of promoting peace, a better understanding and tolerance between the peoples who inhabit this country, and a love of humanity in he spirit of our Jewish heritage, which is the legacy of Nahshon Wachsman.

PROFESSOR BENJAMIN ISH-SHALOM
Rector, Beit Morasha

Jerusalem.

IBA'S LACK OF HONESTY

Sir, – As a listener to Kol Yisrael's English news service on shortwave for the last 15 years, I have – in the past – been much impressed with their objectivity and, at times, even held them up to the BBC as a shining example of how to report fairly on controversial issues.

After 1992, however, I had to revise my opinion and by now, the leftist slant is still such that I have to agree 100 percent with N. David Gross's assessment of those "...who exhibit their lack of honesty in their choice of interviewees and by the way they grill those on the right, while indulging with leading questions those of their own leftist persuasion" ("Our liberal elite," January 26). And, I should like to add, if they cannot avoid interviewing government representatives, they make sure that their statements are followed by someone from the extreme left, allowing him the last word.

In the interest of the government's credibility and Israel's image abroad, the IBA ought to be persuaded to discontinue this kind of practice sooner rather than later.

R. WILLERS

Wembley Park, Middx.

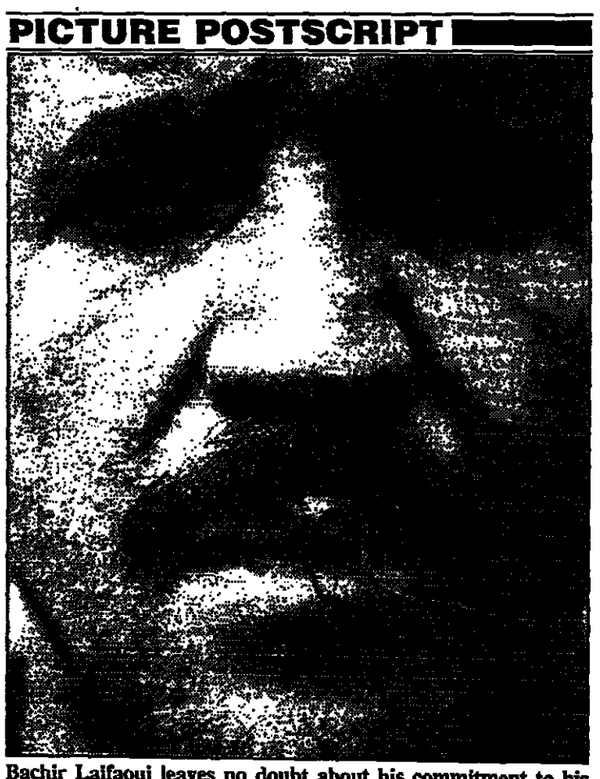
THE IMPORTANCE OF VOTING

Sir, - All this debate about whether one should give the *yordim* a vote is nonsense. If it is important for an Israeli to vote, he will make an effort. We put off our trip to the US to vote; it cost us an extra $200, as we missed the date for cheaper fares. To us, it was worth it.

EVELYN DAR-EL

Haifa.

PICTURE POSTSCRIPT



Bachir Laifaoui leaves no doubt about his commitment to his cause: he's on a hunger strike – and he's sewn his lips shut. Laifaoui is protesting not being chosen for a vacant job at the town hall of Manosque, France. (Reuter)

POSTSCRIPT

FOR DECADES, skeptics scoffed at claims that a stained US flag in a small, rural museum was used as a pillow for the bleeding head of Abraham Lincoln the night he was assassinated.

Now an amateur scholar says yes, indeed, it is the flag from Lincoln's box at Ford's Theater. Other scholars agree.

The flag is at the tiny Pike County Historical Society museum, in Milford, Pennsylvania, which draws only about 1,500 visitors a year.

"You expect to find something like this in the Smithsonian or the National Archives," said Joseph Garrera, a part-time Lincoln researcher and insurance company owner. "That's why no one believed it was in this small-town museum."

Garrera didn't believe claims about the flag at first. But after 400 hours of research, he produced a 5-cm-thick report concluding the flag was authentic.

He sent the report to top Lincoln scholars, who sent letters back agreeing with him.

One of them, Wayne Temple, called it "a touching symbol. Here his head was lying on a folded flag of the union that he gave his life for."

The flag was given to the museum in 1954 by V. Paul Struthers, whose mother was a cast member of *Our American Cousin*, the play Lincoln was watching when he was shot.

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HEAD 'N' TAILS

Leash laws protect dogs

By D'VORA BEN SHAUL

Recently we have had a lot of enquiries and complaints about Israel's leash law for dogs. A dog is required to be either confined or kept on a leash at all times.

Not long ago the Veterinary Service set aside specific areas where dogs may be allowed to exercise off leash at specified times.

This is the only exception. As a matter of fact, the law is more restrictive than this.

A dog is supposed to be muzzled when on leash but the Veterinary Service does not insist on this except when a dog is aggressive or using public transportation.

To many who come from places where there is no such law this seems oppressive.

However, it is impossible to compare Israel, where rabies cases appear every year, with countries where this is not a problem.

The law is a part of the Rabies Prevention Law and is not meant to be barbaric. The Veterinary Service does not "hate dogs" as some readers claim, but it is charged with protecting the general public and their livestock from rabies.

Because this is the law, the Veterinary Service has the right to impound any animal found off leash and in some cases is entitled to destroy it.

It is also legally allowed to spread poison bait for strays and a dog off lead is at great risk, so a careful owner will see to it that his or her dog is on leash when outside the yard.

This does not mean that I am an apologist for the Veterinary Service. I do believe that there are better approaches to rabies prevention than spreading poison, for instance.

Certainly, closer attention should be paid to seeing that every dog is regularly vaccinated as required by law.

Today, in the computer age, it should be no problem to locate every dog's record and check whether the vaccination is current.

It should also be obligatory upon the owner to notify the service if a dog listed in their records is dead or has changed ownership.

Even a not too developed country such as Malawi manages to keep track of the vaccination of dogs, so we should certainly be able to manage it.

It is all too easy to accuse those in authority of not being sensitive to the needs of pet owners, but we have to take all the factors into account and realize that the Veterinary Authority has a thankless task.

By and large, the leash laws are for a very good purpose and a careful and thoughtful owner will obey them, just as he will be meticulous about keeping his dog vaccinated every year. Those who do not do this are gambling on the fate of their pet.



Nachum Shifren: A rabbi by land, surfer by sea.

Soul surfing

By AMY KLEIN

What do a five-meter wave and a long-bearded rabbi have in common? In Rabbi Nachum Shifren's case, they are as intertwined as the world of physicality and spirituality itself.

"The ocean is so beautiful; it has this dynamic, an unknown element of mystery," Shifren says, his mind already at the beach. "It's like being Jewish. Underneath the waves, there's fun and challenge."

Shifren is a surfer. And like all true surfers, he loves the "spray," taking on the wild, unbridled power of a crashing wave. But Shifren doesn't live only for surfing. Well, not anymore, that is.

"After more than 30 years of surfing on four continents, I've had my share of waves. I will always remain a surfer and, God willing, so will my son. But I am also a Jew. I have something to say."

It's hard to equate this rather religious-looking man – whose scraggly, pepper beard matches his pinstripe pants – with the dude in the wetsuit surfing on the cerulean California waters; but as the boundless energy and words burst forth from him like waves or a tense coil, oddly enough, it begins to make sense: Surfing and God go hand in hand.

That is Shifren's message.

In two-hour lessons on the Herzliya beach, Shifren acts as a combination lifeguard/surfing teacher/rabbi. The only thing he guarantees the college-age guys is that they will be standing on the board.

But in teaching them how to surf, he teaches them about life.

This he also does in his worldwide Jewish surfers' newsletter, *Surf & Soul*, which is distributed on his Internet site (www.surf-soul.virtual.co.il), offering updates of the weekly Torah reading, and, of course, descriptions of great surf.

From his comparison of the Jews' crossing the Red Sea (the first "surf punks") to teaching God's greatness by way of surfing, it's clear that Shifren's religion is of a different nature from the "Thou Shall Not..." we might be used to.

"I'm not into religion, I never liked it," he says, '60s roots peeking through. "I'm not interested in making people *ba'al teshuvas* [those returning to religion], making sure they have the right siddur [prayer book], how long are my sleeves, how long is my hemline," he says.

"Everything we see and do is how to get close to God; in surfing, when you paddle out on a board, that's part of our creation."

THE STORY of how Rabbi Shifren came to be a surfer is really the story of how the surfer became a rabbi.

"I almost missed my bar mitzva," is how he begins his odyssey of a '60s kid who would have been wholly involved in leading anti-war protests, LSD, and Woodstock if it weren't for surfing.

It captivated him from age 12, and junior and high-school classes were just breaks between surfing, where he'd stop by with sand-caked hair.

His parents, California Reform Jews, were aware of their health-nut, beach-nut son, but, he says, "they saw I wasn't doing deviant behavior, so they were happy I found something that was relatively harmless." Shifren, in retrospect, has stronger thoughts on his surfing: "It saved my life, [without it] I would for sure be dead."

His grandmother's generous graduation stipend allowed Shifren, who was then completely unaffiliated with anything Jewish (except the ocean, which he now says is everything Jewish), to enroll in the University of Hawaii, where he spent four years tackling the most dangerous, challenging waves in the world.

When his money ran out, he moved back to Los Angeles and became a summer beach lifeguard, earning enough money to support his surf habits throughout the year. He spent the next four years traveling to Mexico and Central America.

During this time, his younger brother had made aliya, and had fought in the Yom Kippur War. This encouraged Shifren to think about Israel and being Jewish, and after reading up on the subject, at age 27, he decided to pick up and go.

After a stint in ulpan and Hashomer Hatza'ir, Shifren signed up for an IDF combat unit and then became a sports instructor. After the army, he went back to California and decided to finish his degree in Spanish and German.

It was on the college campus, when in search of a hanukkiya, that he ran into the Habad rabbi – also a surfer.

The rabbi invited Shifren to his house every Shabbat. Shifren says that this "opened the door to Judaism" because he saw an aspect of peace in their family. In the impulsive, dedicated way that makes him such a good surfer, Shifren studied Hebrew and began to learn Torah.

He decided to go back to Israel to yeshiva, living by the surfers' manifesto: "When the surf is good, you drop everything and go." He sold his old Volvo, all his belongings (except his surfboards), and went to Kfar Habad, turning his surfing soul into a rabbi.

By the time Shifren went back to California, it was the 1980s, and he was a teacher. In the inner-city schools of LA, he faced teenagers who were lost, he felt, in a more dangerous way that his generation was.

So he started Surf & Soul – a class for his black and Hispanic students, who didn't even know how to swim, in order to give them something to hold onto. "These guys didn't give a damn about anything, but they wanted to hang out in my club. That was the key of Surf & Soul. I still get letters from them, guys in the Marines, guys with police records."

Shifren met his kindred spirit a few years later, and about a year ago they made aliya with their three children.

Rivka Shifren founded and edits an arty, religious women's magazine called *Bat Kol*, which aims to do some of the things her husband does: spread the word of Judaism as a life-enhancing force.

In addition to yeshiva, surfing lessons, public-relations appearances (*Good Morning America*, *Donahue*, Israeli Channel 2, Spanish National Television), Shifren hopes to open a "surfing shul" on Dizengoff Street.

On the beach he'll set up a juice bar stacked with books, loan out some boards, and give a few words on surfing and more on Torah.

It's his own way of combining both of his loves. "I don't care if people are surfers or not, I am using that as a tool," he says, to reconnect people with "the source of vitality in life."

The new generation of ergonomic keyboards

Turn over Microsoft Corp.'s computer keyboard and you'll find a bright-orange exclamation point followed by the word "WARNING," and then: "Continuous use of a keyboard may cause Repetitive Stress Injuries or related injuries."

This admonition that typing could be hazardous to your health is, unexpectedly, on the "Natural" – a wave-shaped keyboard that Microsoft touts as ergonomically designed for greater typing comfort.

It is one of a slew of unconventional keyboard designs intended to reduce strain on hands and wrists – part of the computer industry's answer to the type of complaints highlighted recently when a New York jury awarded a secretary suffering from a wrist injury $5.3 million in a suit against keyboard maker Digital Equipment Corp.

There are keyboards that come in three parts and keyboards that come in two parts.

There are convex keyboards and concave keyboards; keyboards that tilt toward you, away from you, or toward a peak in the middle.

While standard keyboards sell for $20 to $40, the unconventional designs range from about $90 to nearly $1,000.

But as the warning label on Microsoft's Natural keyboard illustrates, there's little consensus as to whether the new ergonomic designs alleviate strain-related injuries.

Alan Hedge, a Cornell University ergonomics professor who has studied alternative keyboards, said that in many instances "what they're doing is displacing the point at which you get some postural deviation [strain]. They're not really eliminating that postural deviation."

"I don't see any major medical benefits," said Emil Pascarelli, a professor of clinical medicine at Columbia University and the author of the book *Repetitive Strain Injury: A Computer User's Guide*.

But Hedge and Pascarelli both insist that devices which adjust the position of the keyboard in relation to the overall body posture can help.

For its part, Microsoft doesn't claim to offer any medical advantage.

"It wouldn't be responsible of Microsoft or anyone else to say, 'Get an ergonomic keyboard and that's going to solve all your problems,'" according to Beth Featherstone, group marketing manager for Microsoft's hardware division.

That may help explain why alternative keyboards remain something of a novelty in the workplace. For most of 1996, they accounted for 18 percent of keyboard sales, according to PC Data, a firm that tracks equipment purchases.

"I think there's a concern on jumping on the bandwagon of some alternative that is supposed to be better before there's actual research to indicate that it is better," said Sherry Saunders, spokeswoman for the Center for Office Technology, which represents large manufacturers and corporate buyers of computer equipment.

"Most companies don't ... want to get into suddenly providing alternative keyboards when ... you may find down the road that they actually cause more people problems."

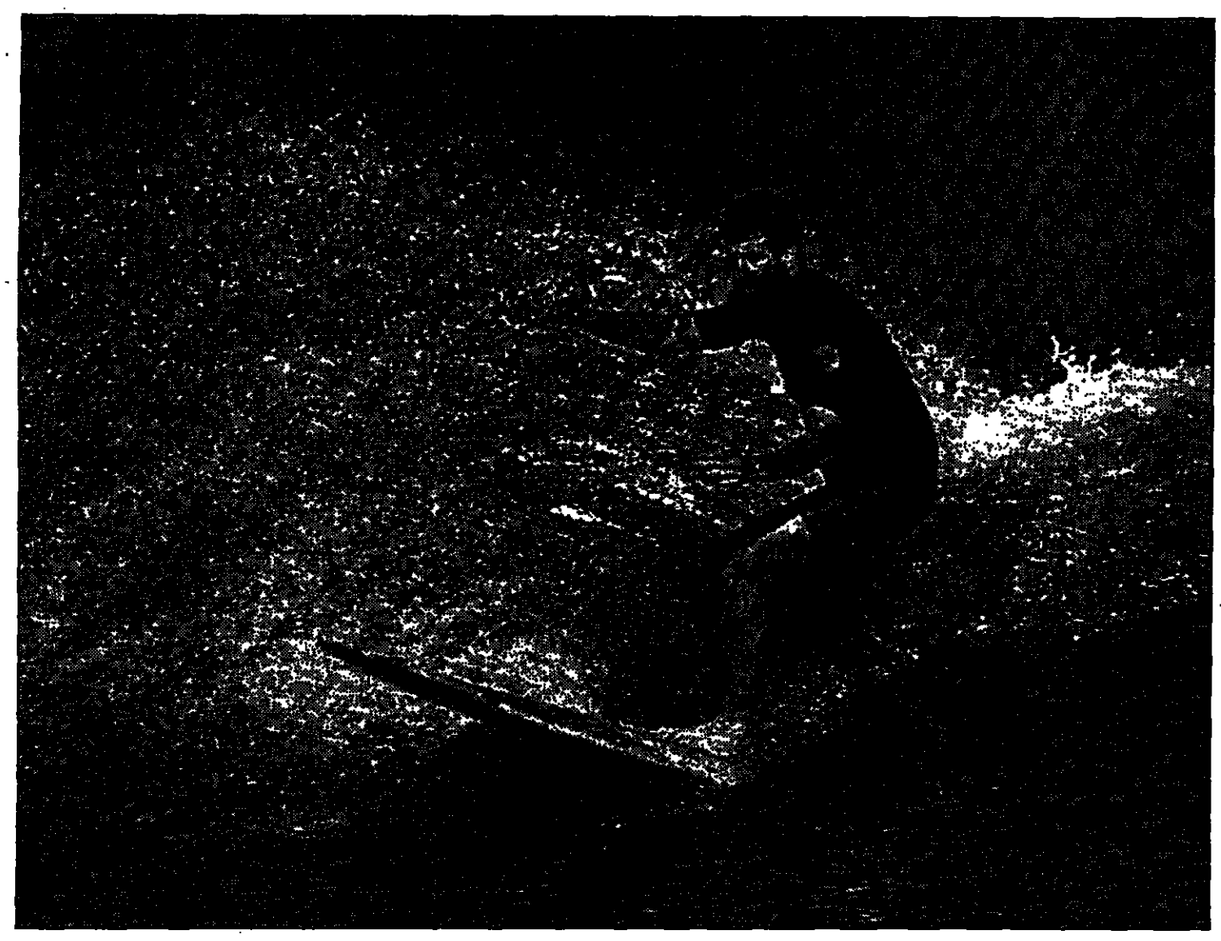
Some employers, such as Bell Atlantic Corp., consider equipping workers with ergonomic keyboards on a case-by-case basis. "If their doctor recommended that they needed a change, we would evaluate the situation," though it wouldn't necessarily require a doctor's intervention, said Bell Atlantic spokeswoman Joan Rasmussen.

Bell Atlantic focuses its ergonomic efforts on the way in which employees use their keyboard rather than the type of keyboard, said Stephen Taylor, an ergonomic specialist at the company.

Jon Simkovitz of Keyboard Alternatives, a Santa Rosa, California, company that sells ergonomic products, sees another source of corporate skepticism.

He claims that "some employers are afraid of them because they're afraid it's going to give another added cost to their budget."

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Nelson named Mavs' GM

DALLAS (Reuter) – Don Nelson, out of basketball since he was fired as head coach of the New York Knicks last March, was named general manager of the Dallas Mavericks Friday.

He replaces Keith Grant, who resigned on October 17. In the interim, minority owner Frank Zaccanelli acted as general manager.

"I never dreamed a month ago I'd be here or be back in the league," Nelson told a news conference at Reunion Arena. "I'm really excited. This is quite a challenge, but I'm up to it.

"There's nothing more rewarding than to take a team that's down and build it into a contender. I've done it twice and I can do it again. That's the thing I live for."

The 56-year-old Nelson was fired as the Knicks' coach last March 8 with a 34-26 record. He previously served dual roles as head coach and vice president of basketball operations of the Milwaukee Bucks. He was head coach and general manager of the Golden State Warriors from 1988 to 1995.

Nelson, a former NBA player, is second only to Atlanta Hawks coach Lenny Wilkens in games won as a player and coach, with 2,534.

"This is a big day for our franchise," Zaccanelli said.

"For months, we've been working diligently behind the scenes – even at times when there appeared to be inactivity – to find the right general manager to lead our basketball operation. We're extremely fortunate to have Don Nelson on board to fill that role.

"Over the last 30-plus years, he's become one of the most respected figures in the NBA."

NBA leaders

(Through Thursday's games)

SCORING	GP	PTS	AVG
Michael Jordan, CHI	48	1476	30.8
Karl Malone, UTH	47	1244	26.5
Shaquille O'Neal, LAL	45	1177	26.2
Latrell Sprewell, GSW	46	1182	25.7
Mitch Richmond, SAC	49	1257	25.7
Glen Rice, CHA	45	1127	25.0
Hakeem Olajuwon, HOU	44	1068	24.3
Allen Iverson, PHI	41	941	23.0
Tom Gugliotta, MIN	47	1054	22.4
Gary Payton, SEA	47	1044	22.2
Reggie Miller, IND	45	998	22.2
Vin Baker, MIL	43	948	22.1
Kendall Gill, NJN	46	1008	21.9
Glenn Robinson, MIL	45	963	21.4
Patrick Ewing, NYK	44	941	21.4

BLOCKED SHOTS	GP	BLK	AVG
Shawn Bradley, NJN	35	150	4.3
Dikembe Mutombo, ATL	45	162	3.6
Shaquille O'Neal, LAL	45	140	3.1
Alonzo Mourning, MIA	46	142	3.1
Patrick Ewing, NYK	44	120	2.7
Ervin Johnson, DEN	48	130	2.7
Kevin Garnett, MIN	43	108	2.5
Jim McIlvaine, SEA	47	106	2.3
Hakeem Olajuwon, HOU	44	95	2.2
Marcus Camby, TOR	30	64	2.1
Roy Rogers, VAN	51	102	2.0
Chris Webber, WAS	45	90	2.0
Will Perdue, SAS	32	61	1.9
Vlade Divac, CHA	47	83	1.8
Antonio Mcdyess, DEN	40	67	1.7

REBOUNDING	GP	REB	AVG
Dennis Rodman, CHI	35	578	16.5
Jayson Williams, NJN	33	497	15.1
Charles Barkley, HOU	34	500	14.7
Shaquille O'Neal, LAL	45	587	13.0
Dikembe Mutombo, ATL	45	539	12.0
Shawn Kemp, SEA	47	518	11.0
Karl Malone, UTH	47	511	10.9
Anthony Mason, CHA	46	498	10.8
Patrick Ewing, NYK	44	472	10.7
Vin Baker, MIL	43	459	10.7
Loy Vaught, LAC	44	461	10.5
Ervin Johnson, DEN	48	500	10.4
Alonzo Mourning, MIA	46	467	10.2
Popeye Jones, TOR	48	480	10.0
Will Perdue, SAS	32	320	10.0

FIELD GOAL PCT	GP	FGM	FGA	PCT
Rasheed Wallace, POR	28	171	292	.586
Tyrone Hill, CLE	44	197	340	.579
Gheorghe Muresan, WAS	41	169	297	.569
Shaquille O'Neal, LAL	45	489	873	.560
Gary Trent, POR	48	220	393	.560
Chris Mullin, GSW	45	258	462	.558
Danny Manning, PHO	46	265	492	.539
Otis Thorpe, DET	46	254	473	.537
Chris Gatling, DAL	42	292	548	.533
Karl Malone, UTH	47	482	912	.529
John Stockton, UTH	47	241	457	.527
Shawn Kemp, SEA	47	341	654	.521
Dikembe Mutombo, ATL	45	208	400	.520
Anthony Mason, CHA	46	270	522	.517
Calbert Cheaney, WAS	44	186	362	.514

ASSISTS	GP	AST	AVG
Mark Jackson, DEN	47	593	12.6
John Stockton, UTH	47	488	10.4
Robert Pack, NJN	34	325	9.6
Kevin Johnson, PHO	36	327	9.1
Nick Van Exel, LAL	48	417	8.7
Damon Stoudamire, TOR	45	380	8.4
Rod Strickland, WAS	47	396	8.4
Tim Hardaway, MIA	48	395	8.2
David Wesley, BOS	38	293	7.7
Gary Payton, SEA	47	342	7.3
Avery Johnson, SAS	45	324	7.2
Stephon Marbury, MIN	33	235	7.1
Allen Iverson, PHI	41	291	7.1
Kenny Anderson, POR	48	332	6.9
Tyrone Bogues, CHA	36	249	6.9

FREE THROW PCT	GP	FTM	FTA	PCT
Mark Price, GSW	37	87	96	.906
Terrell Brandon, CLE	47	151	168	.899
Ricky Pierce, DEN	28	78	87	.897
Reggie Miller, IND	45	223	249	.896
Mario Elie, HOU	46	118	132	.894
M. Abdul-rauf, SAC	45	74	83	.892
Bryant Stith, DEN	38	141	159	.887
Jeff Hornacek, UTH	47	160	181	.884
Malik Sealy, LAC	42	163	185	.881
Darrick Martin, LAC	44	119	135	.881
Joe Dumars, DET	45	135	155	.871
Glen Rice, CHA	45	242	281	.861
Mitch Richmond, SAC	49	277	322	.860
Latrell Sprewell, GSW	46	310	361	.859
Byron Scott, LAL	45	73	85	.859

STEALS	GP	STL	AVG
Eddie Jones, LAL	48	124	2.6
Gary Payton, SEA	47	114	2.4
Rick Fox, BOS	46	112	2.4
Allen Iverson, PHI	41	93	2.3
Greg Anthony, VAN	38	85	2.2
David Wesley, BOS	38	84	2.2
Mookie Blaylock, ATL	42	92	2.2
Kerry Kittles, NJN	46	93	2.0
John Stockton, UTH	47	94	2.0
Kendall Gill, NJN	46	91	2.0
Clyde Drexler, HOU	44	87	2.0
Nick Anderson, ORL	29	56	1.9
Doug Christie, TOR	45	84	1.9
Chris Mullin, GSW	45	84	1.9
Terrell Brandon, CLE	47	86	1.8

THREE POINT PCT	GP	3FG	3FA	PCT
Steve Kerr, CHI	48	62	134	.463
Dell Curry, CHA	47	98	212	.462
Terry Mills, DET	46	110	240	.458
Glen Rice, CHA	45	111	248	.448
Reggie Miller, IND	45	129	291	.443
Rex Walters, PHI	38	49	111	.441
John Stockton, UTH	47	53	121	.438
Chris Childs, NYK	36	45	104	.433
Voshon Lenard, MIA	39	90	211	.427
Joe Dumars, DET	45	82	192	.427
Mitch Richmond, SAC	49	102	243	.420
Chris Mullin, GSW	45	52	124	.419
Terrell Brandon, CLE	47	69	165	.418
Walt Williams, TOR	44	107	259	.413
Sam Perkins, SEA	47	84	206	.408

Team statistics

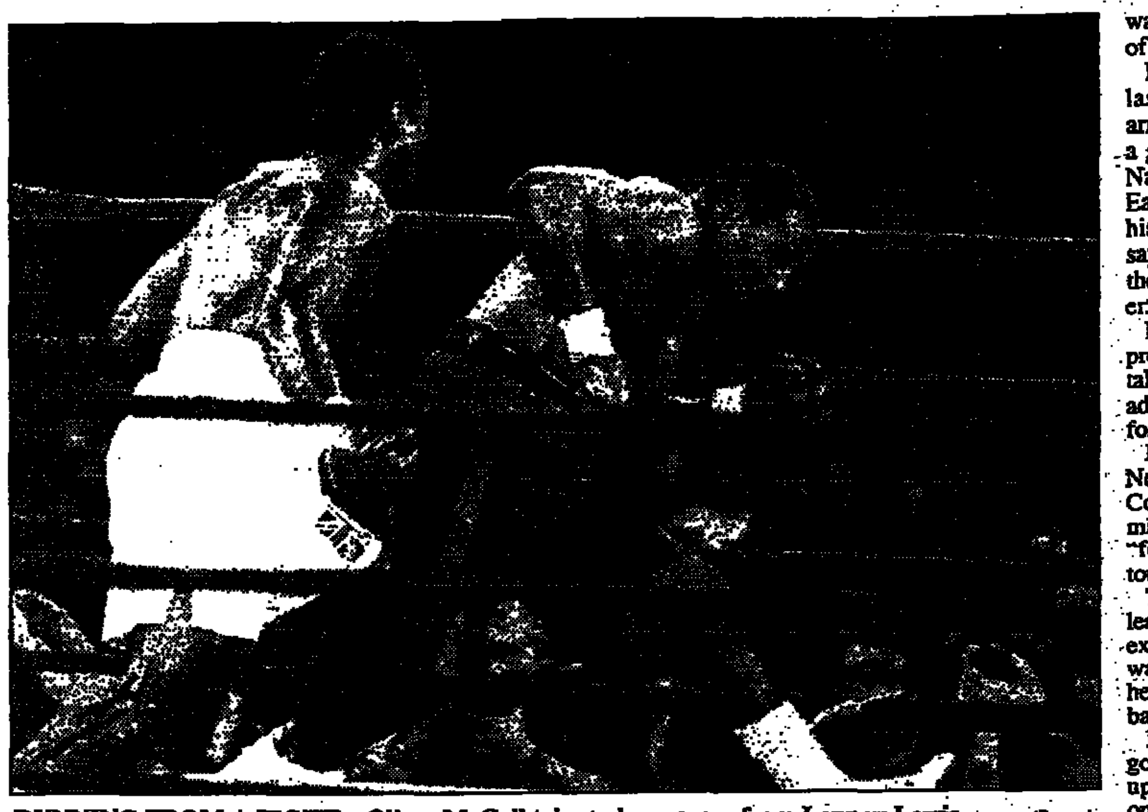
OFFENSE	G	FGM-FGA	PCT	3PM-3PA	PCT	FTM-FTA	PCT	AVG
Chicago	48	1909-4052	.471	300-833	.360	794-1069	.743	102.3
Seattle	47	1716-3674	.467	329-919	.358	1021-1378	.741	101.7
Golden State	46	1689-3659	.456	282-783	.360	957-1211	.790	99.5
Houston	48	1743-3771	.462	376-1047	.359	915-1237	.740	99.5
LA Lakers	48	1778-3877	.459	307-836	.367	905-1387	.652	99.3
Utah	47	1749-3574	.489	190-525	.362	977-1288	.759	99.3
Boston	45	1735-3913	.443	221-633	.349	870-1165	.747	99.2
Phoenix	48	1794-3911	.459	243-722	.337	925-1235	.749	99.1
Philadelphia	46	1642-3788	.433	266-831	.320	964-1350	.714	98.1
Portland	48	1718-3770	.456	308-862	.357	958-1333	.719	98.0
Denver	48	1726-3913	.441	351-941	.373	890-1165	.764	97.8
Washington	47	1819-3864	.471	201-601	.334	751-1091	.688	97.7
Charlotte	48	1701-3708	.459	334-787	.424	883-1158	.763	96.2
New Jersey	46	1648-4001	.412	263-784	.335	842-1149	.733	95.7
Milwaukee	47	1700-3610	.471	177-519	.341	907-1224	.741	95.4
Minnesota	48	1691-3781	.447	210-613	.343	980-1297	.756	95.3
Indiana	46	1588-3508	.453	242-633	.382	948-1308	.723	94.9
New York	48	1695-3687	.460	278-753	.369	879-1172	.750	94.7
LA Clippers	44	1543-3516	.439	225-635	.354	842-1144	.736	94.4
Sacramento	49	1778-3973	.448	220-579	.380	851-1172	.726	94.4
Detroit	46	1577-3436	.459	336-840	.400	823-1083	.760	93.8
Toronto	46	1570-3661	.429	343-938	.366	821-1118	.734	93.6
Dallas	44	1547-3438	.450	254-728	.349	762-1094	.697	93.4
Atlanta	46	1553-3542	.438	363-1007	.360	816-1073	.760	93.2
Miami	48	1624-3613	.449	373-1034	.361	851-1201	.709	93.2
Orlando	44	1502-3491	.430	273-817	.334	765-1060	.722	91.9
Vancouver	51	1762-4102	.430	270-802	.337	720-1035	.696	88.5
Cleveland	47	1577-3464	.455	295-749	.394	694-966	.718	88.2
San Antonio	45	1485-3391	.438	216-687	.314	784-1104	.710	88.2

DEFENSE	G	FGM-FGA	PCT	3PM-3PA	PCT	FTM-FTA	PCT	AVG
Cleveland	47	1404-3231	.435	267-693	.385	906-1209	.749	84.7
Detroit	46	1521-3466	.439	303-801	.378	625-874	.715	86.3
Atlanta	46	1573-3673	.428	277-809	.342	626-867	.722	88.0
Miami	48	1544-3650	.423	236-652	.362	908-1219	.745	88.2
Chicago	48	1678-3875	.433	262-823	.318	730-1004	.727	90.6
New York	48	1532-3603	.425	294-816	.360	1019-1403	.726	91.2
Utah	47	1532-3543	.432	292-866	.337	1004-1350	.744	92.8
Indiana	46	1573-3672	.428	284-835	.340	842-1162	.725	92.9
Orlando	44	1587-3463	.458	214-631	.339	716-1002	.715	93.3
Seattle	47	1605-3631	.442	333-888	.375	871-1162	.750	93.9
San Antonio	45	1590-3460	.460	276-751	.368	804-1101	.730	94.7
LA Lakers	48	1701-3902	.436	276-807	.342	882-1238	.712	95.0
Milwaukee	47	1706-3639	.469	201-594	.338	857-1206	.711	95.1
Portland	48	1640-3767	.435	256-723	.354	1030-1390	.741	95.1
Houston	48	1773-4018	.441	320-909	.352	748-1032	.725	96.1
Charlotte	48	1778-3881	.458	294-800	.368	773-1069	.723	96.3
LA Clippers	44	1537-3375	.455	224-652	.344	955-1289	.741	96.7
Toronto	46	1634-3611	.453	273-793	.344	930-1297	.717	97.2
Minnesota	48	1723-3805	.453	269-728	.370	953-1292	.738	97.3
Washington	47	1751-3853	.454	286-770	.371	820-1076	.762	98.0
Sacramento	49	1785-3877	.460	249-715	.348	988-1359	.727	98.1
Dallas	44	1600-3506	.456	295-774	.381	856-1159	.739	98.9
Vancouver	51	1930-4093	.472	304-837	.363	911-1237	.736	99.5
Denver	48	1861-4041	.461	275-691	.398	867-1176	.737	101.3
Phoenix	48	1821-3917	.465	320-882	.363	908-1217	.746	101.5
New Jersey	46	1726-3715	.465	272-717	.379	952-1283	.742	101.7
Golden State	46	1788-3786	.472	312-856	.364	884-1183	.747	103.7
Philadelphia	46	1822-3908	.466	309-865	.357	844-1171	.721	104.3
Boston	46	1824-3727	.489	273-760	.359	884-1240	.713	104.5

NBA standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE									
Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Streak	Home	Away	Conf
Miami	36	12	.750	–	8-2	Won 6	14-6	22-6	24-8
New York	34	14	.708	2	7-3	Won 2	21-5	13-9	21-9
Orlando	24	20	.545	10	9-1	Won 5	14-8	10-12	19-14
Washington	22	25	.468	13½	3-7	Lost 4	12-9	10-16	12-17
New Jersey	13	33	.283	22	3-7	Lost 1	8-16	5-17	5-25
Philadelphia	12	34	.261	23	4-6	Won 2	6-18	6-16	8-19
Boston	11	35	.239	24	2-8	Lost 2	9-17	2-18	4-27
Central Division									
Chicago	42	6	.875	–	8-2	Lost 1	21-1	21-5	24-3
Detroit	34	12	.739	7	8-2	Won 1	20-5	14-7	23-6
Atlanta	31	15	.674	10	6-4	Lost 1	19-1	12-14	19-11
Charlotte	29	19	.604	13	7-3	Won 4	15-6	14-13	17-14
Cleveland	25	22	.532	16½	4-6	Lost 1	16-10	9-12	14-17
Indiana	23	23	.500	18	6-4	Won 1	10-10	13-13	13-14
Milwaukee	21	26	.447	20½	3-7	Lost 5	12-14	9-12	13-20
Toronto	17	29	.370	24	5-5	Won 1	14-12	3-17	9-21
WESTERN CONFERENCE									
Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Streak	Home	Away	Conf
Utah	33	14	.702	–	8-2	Won 2	21-2	12-12	20-8
Houston	32	16	.667	1½	3-7	Lost 6	16-8	16-8	20-7
Minnesota	23	25	.479	10½	6-4	Won 1	15-7	8-18	18-15
Dallas	16	28	.364	15½	4-6	Won 2	10-12	6-16	11-16
Denver	16	32	.333	17½	6-4	Won 2	9-16	7-16	10-19
San Antonio	11	34	.244	21	2-8	Lost 6	7-15	4-19	9-20
Vancouver	9	42	.176	26	1-9	Lost 2	6-21	3-21	5-25
Pacific Division									
LA Lakers	35	13	.729	–	7-3	Won 1	21-4	14-9	22-8
Seattle	32	15	.681	2½	6-4	Lost 2	18-7	14-8	20-9
Portland	25	23	.521	10	4-6	Lost 5	14-9	11-14	21-12
LA Clippers	19	25	.432	14	5-5	Won 3	12-12	7-13	16-13
Sacramento	21	28	.429	14½	5-5	Lost 2	12-11	9-17	13-17
Golden State	17	29	.370	17	3-7	Lost 4	10-14	7-15	10-17
Phoenix	17	31	.354	18	4-6	Won 2	12-10	5-21	9-17

Lewis wins WBC title in bizarre fight



RUNNING FROM A FIGHT – Oliver McCall tries to keep away from Lennox Lewis. (Reuter)

LAS VEGAS (Reuter) – The most brutal sport was the saddest on Friday.

Oliver McCall, a tough-chinned former champion who had never been knocked off his feet, broke down and cried in the ring in what seemed to be a nervous breakdown. And some 4,500 fans booed him.

McCall simply stopped fighting Lennox Lewis in their bout for the World Boxing Council (WBC) heavyweight title.

Referee Mills Lane, after asking McCall between the third and fourth rounds if he wanted to continue fighting, stepped in and waved the fight off 55 seconds into the fifth. Lane ended it after McCall kept walking away from Lewis, often with his back turned to him like a child edging away from a scolding.

McCall, 31 and an admitted drug addict who said he always would have to battle drugs, threw only two punches in the fourth round and one in the fifth and seemed only marginally present in the ring the last two rounds at the Las Vegas Hilton.

He refused to go back to his corner after the third round, choosing to pace along one side of the ring. He began to cry like a lost child after the fourth round.

In the fourth and fifth rounds, Lewis pursued McCall, who merely put his hands in front of his face a few times and bobbed his head to avoid some punches but offered no resistance to others and "seemed to want to get knocked out," Lane said.

Despite McCall's lack of offense, the 251-pound Lewis, three inches taller and 14 pounds heavier, could not knock McCall down.

Ignoring McCall's obvious mental anguish, Lewis said, "I think after I landed those uppercuts and started playing with my jab in his face he just didn't know what to do.

"This was definitely payback," said Lewis, to the cheers of a contingent of British fans delighted with their hero for winning back the title.

Lewis was referring to the theme of the fight, "Playback or Payback," a reference to the first time they fought in September, 1994, when McCall won the WBC title after knocking Lewis dizzy in the second round and the referee stopped the bout.

But Friday night at the Las Vegas Hilton did not give as much to Lewis as it might have, because it took so much from McCall, as the bright, articulate man's troubled life unraveled before everyone.

"I think his career is over," said Lewis' trainer Emanuel Steward, who trained McCall for his upset over Lewis in 1994.

"I hate the way people are knocking him now. He's just a fine person," Steward said. "When I was with him I knew he was crying out for love. That's all he wants. He had the title and ... he had money. He's a guy who wanted people to spend time with him. People didn't have that time. After the fights they would go their ways." McCall has a long history of drug abuse.

His latest public episode was last December when he was arrested for throwing an ashtray, a glass and a Christmas tree in a Nashville, Tennessee, hotel. Earlier this week, McCall praised his new-found religious beliefs, saying that no matter who won the fight, "I still love my brother."

He said he had attended drug prevention meetings this week and talked daily with his counselor, adding he would be in treatment for the rest of his life.

Marc Ratner, the head of the Nevada State Athletic Commission, said McCall's $3 million purse would be withheld "for not honestly competing tonight."

There was very little to be learned by Lewis's performance, except perhaps to wonder why he was unable to hurt McCall when he was little more than a punching bag at the end of the fight.

Maloney insisted Lewis looked good because he tried using the uppercut that he had been working on in training.

Lewis, now 30-1, will likely fight fellow Briton Henry Akinwande next in a mandatory WBC bout.

Maloney, dressed in a new silk suit covered with the bright colors of the Union Jack, castigated McCall's promoter Don King for allowing McCall to fight because "he knew" the terrible shape McCall was in mentally.

"People like Don King shouldn't be allowed to be in boxing. He's a disgrace to the human race," Maloney said.

England looks good for Test win

WELLINGTON – New Zealand will have to stay in the crease for two days to save the second cricket Test at the Basin Reserve, needing more than 200 runs make England bat a second time.

At stumps on the third day yesterday, New Zealand was 48 without loss, still requiring 211 to make England bat again.

Openers Bryan Young and Blair Pocock were on 32 and 13 respectively at stumps.

England began the day at 204-3 and went on to reach 363.

Left-hander Graham Thorpe hit 108, his fourth Test hundred and his second in consecutive innings in this series.

He received good support from Nasser Hussain, who made 64, and John Crawley, whose 56 was part of a 118-run stand for the fifth wicket.

England lost three wickets in the space of 20 balls with the total on 331.

Fast-medium bowler Simon Doull finished with 5-75, his fourth haul of five or more wickets in a Test innings.

His last wicket yesterday, Darren Gough, was his 50th in his 15th Test.

Debutant left-arm spinner Daniel Vettori took two for 98 from 34.3 overs, with Geoff Allott, Nathan Astle and Dipak Patel picking up one wicket apiece.

Thorpe reached his century shortly after lunch, off 224 balls with 12 fours. It is the 23rd time he has passed 50 in 36 Tests and took his Test average to 49.



John Crawley: Part of a 118-run wicket stand. (Reuter)

Thorpe solidified England's position by sharing a 118-run fifth wicket stand with John Crawley.

He hit 119 in the first Test at Auckland last week and admitted yesterday that it had been a particularly significant century.

"It was special because I hadn't been there (to 100) for 20 Tests. Here was quite satisfying and I don't want to lose the good form I am in at the moment."

Allrounder Chris Cairns didn't bowl yesterday, having bruised his right index finger Friday afternoon, and that added to New Zealand's bowling problems.

England has had a chance to win all three of its Tests to date on the tours of Zimbabwe and New Zealand, but it has had to settle for draws each time.

"We are well aware what has happened so far this winter and this time we are very determined to get a win," Thorpe said.

Zimbabwe-India

The dramatic improvement in Zimbabwe cricket which began against England two months ago continued with a brilliant three-wicket defeat of India in the day/night match at Centurion Park on Friday.

Zimbabwe bowled out India for 216 in 48.4 overs and, after rain had reduced its target to 171 from 34 overs, it got home at 171 for seven with two balls to spare. It was the first time Zimbabwe had beaten India in 14 attempts.

The heroes for the part-timers were all rounders Craig Evans (43 from 47 balls with three sixes) and Paul Strang (31 not out from 42 balls). They put on 71 for the seventh wicket after Zimbabwe had seemed to be down and virtually out at 78 for six.

When Evans was caught on the boundary Strang and Heath Streak got the target down to nine runs from the last over, bowled by Venkatesh Prasad.

Streak scrambled four runs from the first two balls and then heaved a full toss over midwicket for the boundary which tied the scores, before scampering the winning single off the next delivery.

When India batted it struggled to break the shackles of a superbly disciplined bowling and fielding effort from Zimbabwe.

Sachin Tendulkar (41) and Mohammad Azharuddin (44) put on 70 for the fourth wicket, but only Ajay Jadeja's quickfire 36 threatened to raise the run rate towards the end of the innings.

Rain fell at the start of the supper break and play eventually resumed.

Zimbabwe reached 46 for one in the ninth over, but then collapsed, losing five wickets for 32 runs in 10 overs.

But big-hitting from Evans and scampering from Strang saw them through to an historic victory. The two sides meet again in the final pool match at Benoni today. Zimbabwe is now favorites to meet South Africa in Wednesday's final due to a superior run rate.

(AP, Reuter)

New Zealand, 1st innings 124
England, 1st innings
(Overnight 204-3 contd)

N. KNIGHT c Patel b Doull ... 8
M. ATHERTON lbw b Doull ... 30
A. STEWART c Fleming b Allott ... 52
N. HUSSAIN c Young b Vettori ... 64
G. THORPE st Germon b Patel ... 108
J. CRAWLEY c Germon b Doull ... 56
D. CORK lbw b Astle ... 7
R. CROFT c Fleming b Doull ... 0
D. GOUGH c Fleming b Doull ... 18
A. CADDICK c Allott b Vettori ... 20
P. TUFNELL not out ... 6
Extras (9lb, 2nb, 3b) ... 14
TOTAL: 383.
Fall of wickets: 10, 80, 106, 213, 331, 331, 331, 357, 357, 383.
Bowling: Simon Doull 28-10-75-5, Geoff Allott 31-6-91-1 (1nb), Daniel Vettori 34.3-10-98-2, Chris Cairns 4-2-8-0, Nathan Astle 14-5-30-1 (1nb), Dipak Patel 24-6-59-1, Blair Pocock 2-0-10-0.
Overs: 137.3.

New Zealand 2nd innings

B. POCOCK not out ... 13
B. YOUNG not out 32 Extras (2nb, 1lb) ... 3
TOTAL: 48 for no wicket.
Bowling: Dominic Cork 4-1-20-0 (1nb), Andrew Caddick 6-3-7-0, Robert Croft 5-1-6-0 (1nb), Darren Gough 4-2-11-0, Phil Tufnell 2-1-3-0.

India innings

S. Ganguly c Strang b Whittall ... 31
R. Dravid c A. Flower b Rennie ... 12
J. Srinath c Evans b Streak ... 9
S. Tendulkar c Waller b Campbell ... 41
M. Azharuddin st A.Flower b Strang ... 44
A. Jadeja run out (G. Flower) ... 36
R. Singh run out (Brandes) ... 11
S. Karim run out (Campbell) ... 10
A. Kumble c A. Flower b Brandes ... 7
S. Ankola c Whittall b Brandes ... 0
V. Prasad not out ... 0
Extras ... 15
Total 216 – 48.4 overs
Fall of wickets: 1-25, 2-46, 3-68, 4-137, 5-161, 6-195 7-198, 8-216, 9-216
Bowling: Brandes 9.4-0-44-1 Rennie 8-1-26-1 Streak 10-2-42-1 Whittall 5-0-20-1 Strang 9-0-43-1 Evans 2-0-13-0 Campbell 2-0-6-1 G.Flower 3-0-14-0

Zimbabwe innings

A. Waller c Ganguly b Prasad ... 2
G. Flower b Ankola ... 28
A. Flower c Karim b Singh ... 9
G. Whittall run out (Ganguly) ... 4
A. Campbell run out (Azharuddin) ... 10
D. Houghton c Kumble b Singh ... 13
C. Evans c Azharuddin b Kumble ... 43
P. Strang not out ... 31
H. Streak not out ... 11
Extras ... 20
Total (for 7 wickets) 171 – 33.4 overs
Fall of wickets: 1-16, 2-45, 3-53, 4-55 5-77, 6-78, 7-149
Bowling: Srinath 7-0-32-0 Prasad 6.4-0-39-1 Kumble 7-0-31-1 Ankola 5-0-32-1 Singh 7-1-18-2 Tendulkar 1-0-11-0
Result: Zimbabwe won by three wickets.
Man of the match: Craig Evans and Paul Strang (Zimbabwe)

Hill leads Pistons past hurting Rockets

AUBURN HILLS (Reuter) – The hurting Houston Rockets head into the All-Star break grateful for a chance to lick their wounds, while the Detroit Pistons head in celebrating their return to elite status in the NBA.

The Pistons posted a 96-87 victory over the Rockets Thursday as Grant Hill scored 16 points and dished out eight assists and Terry Mills added 16 points and nine rebounds.

The win gave the Pistons a 34-12 record at the break, third best in the league behind only the mighty Chicago Bulls and the Miami Heat.

Otis Thorpe chipped in 14 points and 12 boards for Detroit, which has won six of its last seven games.

"That was a great win for us and a great way for us to go into the All-Star break," said Detroit coach Doug Collins. "We took advantage of an undermanned team and a tired team. But those are the games you have to do that."

Hakeem Olajuwon scored 18 points and Kevin Willis had 17 for Houston, which has dropped a season-high six in a row.

THURSDAY'S RESULTS:
New York 96, San Antonio 84
Indiana 104, New Jersey 100
Orlando 119, Boston 111
Miami 102, Milwaukee 90
Charlotte 115, Sacramento 100
Detroit 96, Houston 87
Minnesota 103, Vancouver 86

FRIDAY: No games scheduled (All-Star weekend)

Injuries take shine off today's All-Star Game

CLEVELAND (AP) – In a season marred by missing offense, it's fitting that something is missing at All-Star weekend: All-Stars.

A record five players – Shaquille O'Neal, Charles Barkley, Clyde Drexler, Alonzo Mourning and Patrick Ewing – will miss today's All-Star game with assorted injuries, breaking the record of three set in 1962.

And the game isn't the only event plagued by no-shows. The NBA held the first gathering of its greatest living players Friday, and at least 11 didn't show up. Among the missing were Michael Jordan, arguably the greatest, and Barkley.

Walt Frazier said he didn't appreciate being dissed.

"Some guys in the past have come up to me and shaken my hand and said, 'Thanks, man, for helping us make the money that we do,'" Frazier said. "All of the guys should be in this room, paying homage to us." The consensus of those in attendance was that Jordan and Barkley were out paying homage to golf.

"They're probably playing golf right now as we speak," said Billy Cunningham, who coached Barkley in Philadelphia.

Also not seen at the media gathering were Larry Bird, Bob Cousy, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Lenny Wilkens, Bill Walton, George Gervin, Dave Bing, O'Neal and Hal Greer.

Most of the greats didn't think the no-shows spoiled the event.

"If they want to take the day off, more power to them," Boston Celtics center Bill Russell said. "That sounds like a great idea.

They're the only ones that know what they have to do to get through this life and to get through this season." Rick Barry only had one problem with Jordan and Barkley playing hooky.

"I'm disappointed just from the standpoint that I can't get them to sign my book," Barry said. "This is not good."

Even without the likes of Bird and Jordan, it was incredible to see these great players in the same room. Wilt Chamberlain's table was at one end of the Renaissance Hotel ballroom, Bill Russell's at the other, as if the centers were squaring off for battle. Magic Johnson's smile lit up one corner of the room, John Havlicek's humble storytelling brightened another.

"My son is here, he'll get to go around and see all the 50," Johnson said. "This is why I played the way I played. This is what all that time spent in the gym was about when I could have been out doing something else."

As the greats wrapped up their historic meeting, this year's All-Stars started arriving – and answering questions about whether they were faking their injuries.

"If a guy says he's hurt, there's nothing you can do unless you want to give him a checkup yourself," Karl Malone said. "And I'm not a doctor, I'm a player. So I don't worry about it.

Mourning took some ribbing from Ewing, a fellow Georgetown alumnus, as the two sat in a ballroom Friday for an interview session.

"Hey Alonzo, they say your injury is a farce. Are you hurt or are you faking it?" Ewing yelled to his friend before answering the question himself.

"I went into his room and he had his foot in an ice bucket," Ewing said.

Ewing has missed four straight games with a pulled groin muscle.

Barkley was told Tuesday to skip the game because of a sprained ankle; Drexler reinjured a hamstring Tuesday night; O'Neal sprained his knee last Sunday and Mourning missed a game with an injured heel Thursday night.

Commissioner David Stern chose Detlef Schrempf, Kevin Garnett and Chris Gatling as the Western Conference subs. The Eastern Conference replacements are Chris Webber and Joe Dumars.

Two All-Stars were sidelined by injuries in 1952, 1973, 1977, 1986, 1992, 1993 and 1994. The only year when three players sat out was 1962.

"The other side of it is you get to see some other guys in this game, and that may be every bit as exciting," John Stockton said.

All-Star weekend activities got under way yesterday with the rookie game, 3-point shootout and slam dunk contest. Jim Valente, a 49-year-old resort manager from Bradenton, Florida, will attempt a 3-point shot worth $1 million.

EASTERN CONFERENCE STARTERS

Name	Team	Ht./Pos.	Year/College	App.
Scottie Pippen	Chicago Bulls	6-7/F	'87/Central Arkansas	10th
Grant Hill	Detroit Pistons	6-8/F	'94/Duke	3rd
*Patrick Ewing	New York Knicks	7-0/C	'85/Georgetown	10th
Michael Jordan	Chicago Bulls	6-6/G	'84/North Carolina	10th
Anfernee Hardaway	Orlando Magic	6-7/G	'93/Memphis	3rd

RESERVES

Name	Team	Ht./Pos.	Year/College	App.
Vin Baker	Milwaukee Bucks	6-11/F	'92/Hartford	3rd
Terrell Brandon	Cleveland Cavaliers	5-11/G	'91/Oregon	2nd
#Joe Dumars	Detroit Pistons	6-3/G	'85/McNeese State	6th
Tim Hardaway	Miami Heat	6-0/G	'89/Texas-El Paso	4th
Christian Laettner	Atlanta Hawks	6-11/F	'92/Duke	1st
*Alonzo Mourning	Miami Heat	6-10/C	'92/Georgetown	3rd
Dikembe Mutombo	Atlanta Hawks	7-2/C	'91/Georgetown	4th
Glen Rice	Charlotte Hornets	6-8/G	'89/Michigan	2nd
#Chris Webber	Washington Bullets	6-10/F	'93/Michigan	1st

Head Coach: Doug Collins – Detroit Pistons

WESTERN CONFERENCE STARTERS

Name	Team	Ht./Pos.	Year/College	App.
*Charles Barkley	Houston Rockets	6-6/F	'84/Auburn	10th
Shawn Kemp	Seattle Sonics	6-10/F	'89/Trinity Valley CC	5th
Hakeem Olajuwon	Houston Rockets	7-0/C	'84/Houston	12th
John Stockton	Utah Jazz	6-1/G	'84/Gonzaga	9th
Gary Payton	Seattle Sonics	6-4/G	'90/Oregon State	4th

RESERVES

Name	Team	Ht./Pos.	Year/College	App.
*Clyde Drexler	Houston Rockets	6-7/F	'83/Houston	10th
#Kevin Garnett	Minnesota Timberwolves	6-11/F	'95/Farragut Academy	1st
#Chris Gatling	Dallas Mavericks	6-10/C	'91/Old Dominion	1st
Tom Gugliotta	Minnesota Timberwolves	6-10/F	'92/North Carolina St.	1st
Eddie Jones	Los Angeles Lakers	6-6/G	'94/Temple	1st
Karl Malone	Utah Jazz	6-9/F	'85/Louisiana Tech	9th
*Shaquille O'Neal	Los Angeles Lakers	7-1/C	'92/Louisiana State	5th
Mitch Richmond	Sacramento Kings	6-5/G	'88/Kansas State	4th
#Detlef Schrempf	Seattle Sonics	6-10/F	'85/Washington	3rd
Latrell Sprewell	Golden State Warriors	6-5/G	'92/Alabama	3rd

Head Coach: Rudy Tomjanovich – Houston Rockets

*- Injured, will not play, #- injury replacement.



NEW YORK BOUND – Bill Parcells signed a six-year deal with the New York Jets Friday. (AP)

Parcells, Jets agree to six-year deal

NEW YORK (AP) – Bill Parcells has agreed to run the New York Jets for six years in a deal that could net him as much as $20 million. Now the only question is how soon he gets to take control.

Parcells signed his contract Friday even as commissioner Paul Tagliabue prepared for a meeting next week to sort out what has become the NFL's biggest soap opera – the contractual squabble involving Parcells, the Jets and his former team, the New England Patriots.

But there was nothing under the table about the deal, which starting next February 1 – sooner if the Jets and Patriots work out an agreement – ties Parcells to New York for six years with an option for a seventh.

"I've always been a league guy, and I'll abide by whatever the league says," Parcells said. "If they say that I can't do anything for a while, I'm not going to do anything for a while." At least four of those six years will be as coach, with the last two as chief operating officer – a title Parcells effectively will have during his coaching tenure.

"It is the likelihood and the great hope of this organization that we're putting in place the succession and sequence of events which is going to take this team sufficiently into the 21st century," Jets president Steve Gutman said.

No terms were disclosed, but Parcells originally was seeking a $10 million, three-year deal. So doubling the length to six years could net him $20 million, more than any other NFL coach and up there with $3 million per year that Pat Riley earns to run the NBA's Miami Heat and John Calipari receives from the New Jersey Nets.

"I have some very good support here, and I know I'm going to be supported by the ownership totally," Parcells said. "A coach couldn't ask for anything else."

NHL SCOREBOARD

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	30	15	8	68	171	132
Florida	26	15	13	65	152	123
N.Y. Rangers	27	21	7	61	189	152
New Jersey	25	17	9	59	135	126
Washington	21	26	6	48	138	146
Tampa Bay	19	26	6	44	139	160
N.Y. Islanders	17	27	9	43	142	156
Northeast Division						
Pittsburgh	30	18	5	65	200	162
Buffalo	27	19	8	62	152	137
Hartford	21	24	7	49	153	171
Montreal	19	27	10	48	176	204
Boston	20	27	6	46	153	184
Ottawa	18	23	10	46	142	151

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	30	20	4	64	165	133
Detroit	24	18	10	58	157	123
St. Louis	26	24	5	57	167	170
Phoenix	23	26	4	50	143	165
Chicago	20	27	8	48	139	146
Toronto	20	33	1	41	154	190
Pacific Division						
Colorado	32	13	6	72	182	124
Edmonton	26	22	5	57	169	153
Vancouver	25	26	2	52	172	180
Anaheim	20	27	6	46	151	163
Calgary	20	28	6	46	138	161
San Jose	20	27	5	45	137	164
Los Angeles	19	29	6	44	145	186

FRIDAY'S RESULTS: Florida 2, New Jersey 2; Calgary 5, Washington 2.

THURSDAY'S RESULTS: Hartford 5, Boston 3; Florida 1, Buffalo 1 (OT); Philadelphia 9, Montreal 5; Vancouver 7, Detroit 4; St. Louis 6, Dallas 4; Phoenix 3, Chicago 2

Late PT goal cuts Betar's lead

By DEREK FATTAL and ORI LEWIS

Soccer followers showed their respects to the servicemen killed earlier this week by observing a minute's silence before all matches played across the country this weekend. The simple but poignant ceremonies ensured a subdued mood on the terraces.

The National League's Round 17 contained a wealth of excitement, headlined by a controversial finish in yesterday's game between Ironi Rishon Lezion and second-placed Hapoel Petah Tikva, in which Hapoel stole a victory goal in the seventh minute of injury time. Such was the fury of the Rishon supporters that referee Shmuel Steif had to be escorted to the tunnel by six police officers amidst a barrage of bottle throwing.

The result helped knock two points off Betar Jerusalem's lead at the summit of the table, as later in the day the capital side was held to a 1-1 draw in a pulsating match away to Hapoel Haifa. Such an event is a rarity these days, with this being only the third time this season that the still-unbeaten leaders have conceded league points. The dismissal of Betar defender Jan Telasnikov in the second minute of second half had a significant bearing on the game.

Slumbering giant Maccabi Tel Aviv at last awakened crushing third-placed hosts Hapoel Beersheba 4-1 yesterday. This was hardly the preparation the southerners needed for next week's excursion to Jerusalem to play Betar.

Hapoel Jerusalem ended 2-1 winners against Maccabi Haifa, to compound the difficulties of Haifa coach Giora Spiegel, while Hapoel Taiba remained firmly rooted at the bottom of the table, losing 2-0 away to fellow strugglers Hapoel Beit She'an. This second straight defeat under the leadership of coach Zvika Rosen suggests that there is no instant cure in sight for the Taibans.

In the Second Division, Ironi Ashdod fell to a surprise 2-0 defeat at the hands of Maccabi Kafr Kana, while leaders Hapoel Ashekelon ended 1-0 victors against Maccabi Acre. Maccabi Netanya took all three points from its promotion battle against fellow-contestant Hakoah Ramat Gan, beating the host 3-1.

Hapoel Haifa 1
Betar Jerusalem 1

The fans were treated to a breathtaking encounter as both sides committed themselves to attack. Hapoel made it clear from the start that it was not going to be overawed by its visitor. In the third minute Betar was fortunate to see a Tal Banin pass lobbed onto the top netting by Ofer Talker, when just a little more poise would have seen Talker find the net.

On the next Hapoel attack Banin's cross from the left beat Betar's defense, and found Oren Flash in the area. Flash ran forward but was tumbled to the ground by Betar center-half Sergei Tatriak, in full sight of referee Danny Koren who pointed to the spot.

Banin took the penalty and sent Itzik Korfein the wrong way as he sidefooted the ball into goal to give the hosts a fifth-minute lead.

The Betaris flung themselves forward in search of a reply, with Shmulik Levy providing most of the creative inspiration on the right wing.

The equalizer came in the 29th minute when Yossi Abuksis stretched out to meet a header from Itzik Zohar. Rafi Cohen managed to get a palm on the ball but could not prevent it from crossing the line.

Just prior to the interval a Zohar free kick beat a six-man Hapoel wall as well as Cohen, but struck the topside of the crossbar and bounced harmlessly away. In an immediate response at the other end of the field Banin forced a sprightly save from Komfein.

Two yellow cards in the space of two minutes resulted in Betar's Jan Telasnikov receiving his marching orders in the 47th minute. Seconds later, Talker had another great opportunity but vollied wide despite having the time to control and select his spot.

The Jerusalemites continued to attack despite the difference in numbers, and Zohar was left cursing the gods in the 54th minute when another stinging free kick rang against bar.

The non-stop action continued with Talker wasting another opportunity, only to be matched by similar carelessness by Betar's Istvan Pishont in front of Kornfein in the other goal. Five minutes before the end it was Banin's turn to be denied by the woodwork.

The final chance fell to Hapoel substitute Avi Paz who suddenly found a path to goal open up in front of him only for it to close before he could release a shot.

Ironi Rishon 0
Hapoel Petah Tikva 1

Second-placed Petah Tikva had to wait until seven minutes of injury time before it managed to score the lone goal of the match, when substitute Alon Maya managed to slot the ball home.

A workmanlike performance by the challengers to the league leadership failed to produce any sparks of brilliance, although in the dying moments they made a supreme effort to penetrate the Rishon goal.

Rishon was unfortunate to lose Eyal Cohen in the 88th minute, just two minutes after coming on as substitute, and the one-man advantage probably spurred Petah Tikva to one final spurt at the hosts' goal.

Referee Shmuel Steif added on an incredible eight minutes of injury time, and that, to the fury of Rishon, was what Petah Tikva needed to take all the points.

Hapoel Beersheba 1
Maccabi Tel Aviv 4

Beersheba was hampered by the early dismissal of Giovanni Rosso after 14 minutes for fighting with Amir Shelah.

The hosts, who had started with an attacking lineup, were in trouble, but survived mainly due to the poor performance of Maccabi Tel Aviv, which failed to take advantage of some promising situations.

All that changed in the second half, when after an hour's play, the floodgates opened. Eli Driks put Maccabi ahead in the 63rd minute when he slotted home after receiving an excellent pass from new Bosnian signing Azhar Kosic.

Beersheba pulled level within two minutes when Oren Sagron hit an excellent shot on the turn to beat Alexander Obarov in the Maccabi goal. A minute later, Maccabi was back in the lead, when Avi Nimni headed in from close range after an accurate free kick from Kosic.

Maccabi put Beersheba out of the match with two more goals, first Haim Hajaj slotted home after a 1-2 move with Kosic in the 71st minute, and two minutes later, Ofer Mizrahi sealed the scoreline when he beat the Beersheba offside trap to slot home past reserve keeper Avi Peretz.

Maccabi Herzliya 1
Zafririm Holon 0

The Herzliyans had the upper hand for most of the game as imports Roman Filipchuk and Igor Shkvrin troubled the Holoni defense. The two combined together to get the matchwinner late in the game. A crisp Filipchuk shot was parried by the goalkeeper straight into the path of Shkvrin whose quicksilver reflexes guided the ball into goal.

Hapoel Beit She'an 2
Hapoel Taiba 0

Taiba put on another demoralizing display and cannot have any complaints about the result. Beit She'an's recent signing from Maccabi Tel Aviv Boris Matveyev was outstanding, and opened up the visitor's defense in the 33rd minute for Shimon Dahnan to guide into goal on the rebound.

Midway through the second half Serjan Sulkovic netted Beit She'an's second goal. On the basis of this match it is hard to see how the Taibans can save themselves from dropping straight back into Division Two.

Hapoel Jerusalem 2
Maccabi Haifa 1

Haifa looked as if it would waltz away from Teddy Stadium with the points in this match as the visitors appeared much the classier side. Reuven Atar put Haifa ahead in the ninth minute from an 18-meter free kick as the hosts struggled to contain the Haifa attacks.

But their fighting spirit and the leadership of veteran midfielder Michel Dayan proved the winners at the end of the day. First, Dayan set up the equalizer when he passed to Ronnen Schweig who scored with an excellent left-foot volley in the 26th minute.

The Jerusalemites surprised even themselves when they took the lead four minutes from half-time when the injured Assi Tubi headed past Nir Davidovich in the Haifa goal. Dayan, who was also injured, but managed to struggle on late into the second half, was again in the thick of the action.

Haifa did its best to gain at least a point from a match in which it thought it would take all three, but an onslaught on the Jerusalem goal failed to produce an equalizer despite Moshe Glam hitting the crossbar in the 88th minute, and Hezi Shirazi striking the post a few moments earlier.

Maccabi Petah Tikva 0
Bnei Yehuda 0

The only goalless draw of the weekend was as poor a match as the scoreline might suggest. The only incident of note was the sending off of Alon Mizrahi in the 68th minute, and Petah Tikva's advantage in numbers went begging.

Ofer Shitrit had two good chances to score for the hosts, but that was all the Petah Tikva supporters had to take home with them from a fruitless 90 minutes.

Hapoel Tel Aviv 1
Hapoel Kfar Sava 2

The Tel Avivians can feel disappointed with the result of this match, after they had made all the running throughout the 90 minutes.

In the first half they dominated completely, but the scoreline remained goalless. The second half was much the same as the first, but Kfar Sava's Ofer Cohen took advantage of a lapse in the Tel Aviv defense and scored against the run of play in the 51st minute in one of the few attacks which went Kfar Sava's way.

Nissim Avitan redressed the balance in the 78th minute with a header which the Kfar Savans claimed was scored from an offside position.

Kfar Sava scored the winner four minutes from time, again, against the run of play, when substitute Oscar Francisco Washington, who had returned from injury after a month's layoff sealed the scoreline.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	Gf	Ga	Dif.	Pts
Betar Jerusalem	17	14	3	-	37	9	28	45
Hapoel Petah Tikva	17	12	4	1	35	17	18	40
Hapoel Beersheba	17	11	1	5	26	17	9	34
Maccabi Tel Aviv	17	8	5	4	26	19	7	29
Maccabi Petah Tikva	17	8	4	5	21	17	4	28
Bnei Yehuda	17	7	6	4	18	17	1	27
Hapoel Haifa	17	7	3	7	23	20	3	24
Hapoel Kfar Sava	17	7	3	7	20	20	-	24
Maccabi Haifa	17	5	7	5	19	18	1	22
Hapoel Jerusalem	17	6	1	10	18	27	-9	19
Ironi Rishon Lezion	17	5	2	10	16	30	-14	17
Hapoel Beit She'an	17	4	4	9	12	16	-4	16
Maccabi Herzliya	17	5	1	11	9	17	-8	16
Zafririm Holon	17	3	6	8	12	18	-6	15
Hapoel Tel Aviv	17	3	5	9	10	19	-9	14
Hapoel Taiba	17	3	1	13	12	33	-21	10

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	Gf	Ga	Dif.	Pts
Hapoel Ashkelon	17	13	1	3	23	9	14	40
Maccabi Netanya	17	9	4	4	30	20	10	31
Ironi Ashdod	17	8	6	3	26	18	8	30
Hakoah Ramat Gan	17	8	4	5	27	17	10	28
Hapoel Bat Yam	17	8	4	5	24	15	9	28
Maccabi Kafr Kana	17	7	4	6	21	24	-3	25
Hapoel Ramat Gan	17	6	6	5	19	12	7	24
Hapoel Ashdod	17	6	5	6	22	18	4	23
Maccabi Jaffa	17	6	4	7	27	23	4	22
Maccabi Kiryat Gat	17	5	6	6	15	22	-7	21
Ness Ziona	17	5	5	7	17	22	-5	20
Betar Tel Aviv	17	5	4	8	16	23	-7	19
Maccabi Acre	17	4	6	7	14	19	-5	18
Maccabi Yavne	17	4	3	10	15	29	-14	15
Hapoel Hadera	17	2	7	8	11	23	-12	13
Hapoel Kiryat Shmona	17	2	7	8	12	25	-13	13

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Hapoel Haifa ..... (1) 1
Tal Banin, 5 (pen.)
Hapoel Beersheba ..... (0) 1
Oren Sagron, 65

Maccabi Petah Tikva ..... (0) 0
Ironi Rishon Lezion ..... (0) 0

Hapoel Jerusalem ..... (2) 2
Ronnen Schweig, 26
Assi Tubi, 41
Hapoel Tel Aviv ..... (0) 1
Nissim Avitan, 78

Maccabi Herzliya ..... (0) 1
Igor Shkvirin, 81
Hapoel Beit She'an ..... (1) 2
Shimon Danan, 33
Serjan Sulkovic, 69

Betar Jerusalem ..... (1) 1
Yossi Abuksis, 29
Maccabi Tel Aviv ..... (0) 4
Eli Driks, 63
Avi Nimni, 66
Haim Hajaj, 71
Ofer Mizrahi, 73
Bnei Yehuda ..... (0) 0
Hapoel Petah Tikva ..... (0) 1
Alon Maya, 90
Maccabi Haifa ..... (1) 1
Reuven Atar, 9

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Ofer Cohen, 51
Oscar Francisco Washington, 86
Zafririm Holon ..... (0) 0

Hapoel Taiba ..... (0) 0

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Hakoah Ramat Gan 1
Hapoel Bat Yam 2
Ironi Ashdod 0
Betar Tel Aviv 1
Maccabi Kiryat Gat 0
Hapoel Hadera 0
Maccabi Yavne 0
Hapoel Ashkelon 1

Maccabi Netanya 3
Hapoel Kiryat Shmona 1
Maccabi Kafr Kana 2
Maccabi Jaffa 2
Hapoel Ashdod 1
Hapoel Ramat Gan 1
Ness Ziona 0
Maccabi Acre 0

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Leader Bolton falls to Reading

LONDON (AP) – Three goals by Trevor Morley gave Reading a 3-2 victory over Bolton yesterday as the Division One leader had its 12-point lead atop the standings cut to nine.

Second place Wolves scored its ninth road victory of the season, winning 2-0 at Huddersfield and has a game in hand on Bolton.

Third place Barnsley, one point further behind, also stayed in contention with a 1-0 victory over Port Vale.

No Premier League games were scheduled because England is in World Cup action Wednesday against Italy so that the Division One promotion race was the main focus of attention yesterday.

In a dramatic game at Elm Park, Reading lost Bulgarian World Cup goalkeeper Boris Mikhailov, who was injured after saving at the feet of Scott Sellars early in the first half.

With no substitute 'keeper on the bench, Reading's joint player-manager Jimmy Quinn went in goal with the score at 0-0.

Then came a spell of four goals in eight minutes as former West Ham star Morley shot Reading ahead in the 56th, Alan Thompson leveled, Morley fired home a penalty and Bolton's Scottish international striker John McGinlay made it 2-2 in the 64th.

Morley's winner, a close range shot after Bolton failed to clear a corner, came in the 70th minute.

Wolves were always in control at Huddersfield and Steve Froggatt fired them ahead after 37 minutes. Top scorer Steve Bull netted the second six minutes from the end, taking his tally for the season to 17 with his fifth goal in four games.

John Hendrie netted Barnsley's winner in the game against Port Vale and, of the other leading promotion contenders, Crystal Palace downed Bradford 3-1 after trailing to a Chris Waddle goal while Sheffield United and Norwich meet today.

Former Blackburn manager Ray Harford had an unhappy start to his spell at West Bromwich Albion, watching his new club tumble 2-1 at home to Swindon. It was Albion's sixth home loss even though the team has won five games away from home.

Georgian midfielder Georgi Kinkladze had another standout game for reviving Manchester City, which downed Southend 3-0.

DIVISION ONE: Barnsley 1, Port Vale 0; Birmingham 0, Portsmouth 3; Crystal Palace 3, Bradford 1; Huddersfield 0, Wolves 2; Ipswich 2, Queens Park Rangers 0; Manchester City 3, Southend 0; Oldham 0, Grimsby 3; Reading 3, Bolton 2; West Bromwich Albion 1, Swindon 2.

DIVISION TWO: Blackpool 5, Peterborough 1; Brentford 1, Watford 1; Burnley 1, York 2; Bury 2, Bournemouth 1; Chesterfield 0, Wrexham 0; Gillingham 1, Bristol Rovers 0; Luton 2, Plymouth 2; Rotherham 0, Preston 1; Shrewsbury 2, Notts County 1; Walsall 2, Millwall 1; Wycombe 2 Crewe 0.

DIVISION THREE: Barnet 2, Hereford 3; Brighton 5, Hartlepool 0; Cambridge United 1, Hull 0; Cardiff 1, Colchester 2; Chester 6, Doncaster 0; Exeter 0, Rochdale 0; Lincoln 2, Fulham 0; Northampton 1, Swansea 2; Scarborough 4, Darlington 1; Scunthorpe 0, Mansfield 2; Torquay 0, Leyton Orient 0; Wigan 1, Carlisle 0.

SCOTTISH PREMIER: Dundee United 0, Hibernian 0; Dunfermline 0, Rangers 3; Hearts 2, Kilmarnock 0; Motherwell 2, Aberdeen 2.

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In the first half they dominated completely, but the scoreline remained goalless. The second half was much the same as the first, but Kfar Sava's Ofer Cohen took advantage of a lapse in the Tel Aviv defense and scored against the run of play in the 51st minute in one of the few attacks which went Kfar Sava's way.

Nissim Avitan redressed the balance in the 78th minute with a header which the Kfar Savans claimed was scored from an offside position.

Kfar Sava scored the winner four minutes from time, again, against the run of play, when substitute Oscar Francisco Washington, who had returned from injury after a month's layoff sealed the scoreline.

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WALL STREET REPORT

New York stocks hit record highs

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks rose to record levels Friday, rallying back from an afternoon pullback with the dollar, as interest rates sank in the bond market amid news that wage inflation was almost negligible last month.

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average rose 82.74 points to close at 6,855.80, having briefly dipped into negative territory after surrendering an early 95-point gain. The barometer of 30 big U.S. companies is now less than 30 points from its all-time best close of 6,883.90, set Jan. 21.

Broader measures also bounced back from an afternoon stumble with the Standard and Poor's 500 list and the New York Stock Exchange composite index, both dominated by larger companies, marching to new highs. The Nasdaq market also posted strong gains, with bellwether technology shares starting to rebound from a two-day wave of profit-taking.

Stocks jumped in the morning as bonds rallied, dropping the yield on the 30-year Treasury bond — a key determinant of corporate and consumer borrowing costs — as low as 6.66 percent from late Thursday's 6.75 percent.

But bonds began to pull back in the early afternoon — lifting the widely watched long-bond yield to 6.74 percent and spurring some profit-taking in the stock market — as the dollar sank after U.S. Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin acknowledged that some Group of Seven countries have raised concerns over the US currency's recent strength.

Investors took Rubin's comments as a signal the United States might back off on the past year's successful drive to pull the dollar from its doldrums. A weaker dollar would make US securities such as bonds less attractive to foreign investors who convert their returns to other currencies.

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Am Israel Paper Mills	47	+1
Ampal American Israel	5.6875	-0.0625
Elz Lavud	6	+0
Elz Lavud Cl A	4.875	0
Integrated Technology	1.625	0
Carmel Containers Sys	9.5	-0.125

NASDAQ

	LAST	CHANGE*
Accent Software	5.5625	-0.4375
A.G. Associates	6	+0
Aladdin	12.5	-0.125
Ampal	16.5	0
Aral	2.6875	+0
Arzam	2	+0.125
Better Online Solutions	8.125	+0
Bio Technology General	17	+0
B.V.R. Technologies	5.875	-0.0625
Checkpoint Software	26.375	+0
Cimatron	6.625	-0.625
Comverse Technology	42.5	-0.75
Fourth Dimension Software	9.8125	+0.1875
D S.P. Communications	23.25	+0.875
D.S.P.G. Group	11.375	+0.25
D.S.P.T. Tech	6.25	+0.125
Defense Software Systems	5.375	+0
ECI Telecom	23	+0
Educoll	2.875	+0.125
Electric Fuel	6.1875	+0
Electronics for Imaging	91	+0.5
Elbit Computers	2.9375	-0.0625
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M-Systems Flash Disk	8.625	+0.25
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Geotek	6	+0
Healthcare Technologies	0.625	+0.0625
Home Center	6.625	+0.5
I.C.T.S.	9	-0.125
Idan Software Industries	0.28125	0
ITC Industries	37.5	0
I.I.S. Intelligent Info	2.03125	-0.03125
Israel Land Develop - ADR	13.375	0
Indigo	6.6875	-0.5625
First Israel	14	+0
Isramco	0.6875	+0.0625
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AMR Corp	73.25	-1.25
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Abbott Labs	55.5	+0.875
Advanced Micro	34.5	+0.875
Aetna Life	78	+0.625
Affiliated Publ	10.75	+0.375
Aflac	40.5	+0.5
Ahmanson (HF)	37.875	+0.25
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Alcan Aluminum	35.125	+0.625
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Allied Signal	71.5	+0.5
Alcoa	67.625	+0.875
Amax	36.25	+0.625
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Amerada Hess	58.5	-1.375
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Comcast Corp A	19	+0.125
Compaq	82.625	+1.625
Compute Ass Int	47.625	+0.625
Computer Sci	66.875	-2.875
Conagra	51.75	+0.875
Cons Edison	31.25	+0.125
Cons Freightwys	25.375	+0
Cons Nat Gas	53.625	-0.25
Cons Rail	106.625	+0.375
Cooper Inds	44.625	+0
Coors (Adolph)	18.125	+0.125
Corning Inc	34.75	-0
Crane	32.625	+0.5
Crompton Knowles	19.125	+0
Crown Cork Seal	57.5	+1.375
Cummins Engine	52.625	-0
Curtiss-Wright	54.125	-0.375
Cypress Semicon	12.25	-0.125
Cypress Mineral	21.625	-0.25
Cytec Indust	39	-0.375
DQE	28.875	-0.25
Dana Corp	32	-0.125
Data General	18.125	+0.75
Dayton Hudson	38.375	+0.5
De Beers	32.875	+1
Deere	41.625	-0.125
Delm Pwr & L	19.5	+0
Dell Computers	85.75	+2.625
Delta Air Lines	81.375	-0.25
Deluxe Corp	31.5	+0.375
Detroit Edison	31.25	+0.125
Dial Corp Del	13.75	+0
Diebold Inc	61.875	+1.75
Digital Equip	35.25	+0
Dillard Dep St	29.25	+0.125
Disney (Walt)	75	+1
Dominion Res	40.5	+0.375
Donelley (RR)	30.875	-0.125
Dover Corp	50.125	+0.375
Dow Chemcals	79.125	+0.75
Dow Jones	39.625	+0.375
Dresser	31.375	-1.125
DSC Comm	22.375	-0.125
Duke Power	45.375	+0.125
Dun & Bradst	24.25	+0.375
Du Pont	112.375	+0.625
E G & G Corp	21.625	+0.125
Eastern Ents	33.5	+0
Eastman Kodak	89.125	+2.5
Eaton Corp	71	+0.625
Echlin Inc	30.25	+0.25
Emerson Elec	103	+2.125
Engelhard Corp	20.25	-0.125
Enron Corp	41	-0.125
Enserch Corp	21.625	-0.25
Entergy Corp	26.75	+0.375
Enzo Biochem	16.25	+0.125
Encsson	33.5625	+1
Ethyl Corp	9.125	+0
Exxon	101	-0.875
Exxon	101	-0.875
FMC Corp	70.75	+0.5
FPL Group	44.75	+0.25
Fedders Corp	6.375	+0
Federal Exprss	51	+1
Federal Mogul	24.25	-0.125
Fed Nat Mtge	40	-0
Fieldcrest Can	15.75	+0.125
First Bank Sys	77.625	+1
First Chicago	58	+1.125
First Union	87	+1.625
Fruit of the Loom	38.875	-0.75
Fst Union Rlty	14.5	+0
Fleet Fnl Grp	56	+1.75
Fleetwd Enterp	25.5	+0
Fleming Cos Ok	18.25	+0.5
Florida Prog	30.625	-0.125
Fluor Corp	71.375	+0.75
Food Lion Inc	8.25	-0.0625
Ford Motor	32.25	+0.125
Foster Wheeler	38.875	+0.375
Freeport McMor	28.75	-0.125
Galoob Toys	17.625	-0.25
Gateway 2000	60.75	+3.5
GATX Corp	48.125	-0.5
GTE Corp	47.375	+0.625
Gannett	79.375	+0.875
Gap Inc Del	31.625	-0.5
Gencorp	19.25	-0.25
Gen Am Invest	21.625	+0.125
Gen Dynamics	70	+0.75
Gen Electric	105	+1
Gen Mills	67.75	+1.625
Gen Motors	58.75	+0.5
Gen Motors H	59.75	+1
Gen Public Utl	33	+0.125
Gen Reinsurnce	164.375	+0.875
Gen Signal	45.25	+0.875
Gen DataComm	9.5	+0
Genuine Parts	45.125	+0.75
Georgia Pac	76.125	+0.25
Gillette	80.625	+2.375
Glaxo ADR	32.875	+0.5
Golden W Fnl	68.875	+0.75
Goodrich (BF)	41.625	+1.125
Goodyear Tire	52.5	-1.375
Grace (W&R)	53.625	+1.75
Grainger (WW)	78.125	+0.625
Grt Atl Pac Tea	30.75	-0.5
Grt Central Mine	7.0625	-0.0625
Grt Western Finl	32.25	+0
Halliburton	68.5	-1
Hanna (MA)	20.375	-0.375
Harcourt	46.375	+0.375
Harley Davidson	43	-0.125
Harnischfeger	44.75	+0.125
Harrah's Ent	20	+1.875
Harris Corp	76.5	+2.125
Harsco Corp	72.125	-0.125
Hartmax	5.625	+0
Hasbro	41.5	-0.25
Hecla Mining	6	+0.125
Heinz (HJ)	41.375	+1
Helix Technol	31.5	+0.25
Hmrch & Payne	43.5	-2.25
Hercules	45.125	+0.125
Hershey Foods	43.75	+0.75
Hewlett Packard	51.875	+0.625
Hilton Hotels	27.5	+0.375
Hirsch Int	22.5	+0.375
Hollinger	10.625	+0.125
Home Depot	52.75	+1.75
Homestake	14.125	+0.375
Honeywell	74	+2.125
Hormel (Geo)	24.625	+0.375
Household Intl	98.125	+0.25
Houston Inds	23.125	+0.375
Humana	18.125	+0.375
IBM	148.75	+2.75
Illinova Corp	25.375	-0.375
Illinois Tool	83.25	+0.625
INCO	34.125	+0.625
Ingersoll Rand	47.375	+1.125
Inland Steel	18.5	+0
Intel Corp	156.375	+3.4375
Intergraph	8.5	+0.375
Interlake	3.75	+0
Intl Fmly EntB	20.125	-0.75
Intl Flav & Fr	46	+0.75
Intl Multifoods	17.5	-0
Intl Paper	42	+1
Interpublic	49.875	+0
ITT Corp	55.625	-0.75
James River Ba	32	+0.125
Jefferson Plt	58.875	+1.75
Johnson & J	59.75	+0.875
K Mart	10.75	+0
Kaiser Alum	12	+0
Kellogg	70.875	+1.375
KLA Instruments	40.625	+1.625
Kennametal	41.125	-0.125
Kerr-McGee	65.5	-2.375
KeyCorp	52.5	+0.5
Kimberly-Clark	97.375	+1.625
King World Prod	39.375	+0.5
Knight Ridder	34.875	+0.875
Kroger	50.375	+0.25
LSI Logic	33.875	+0.5
Legget & Platt	33.125	-0.625
Leucadia Natl	26.375	+0
Lilly (Eli)	89	+2.125
Limited Inc	17.625	+0.25
Linear Technol	47.375	-0.375
Lincoln Nat	55.625	+2.125
Litton	43.75	+0.5
Liz Claiborne	41.5	-0.375
Lockheed Corp	90	+1.375
Loews Corp	101.5	-3.75
Lone Star	38.5	+1.375
Long Island Lt	23	+0.25
Longs Drug Strs	24.5	+0.25
Loral Corp	15.875	+0
Louisiana Land	48.875	-1.25
Louisiana Pacif	20.75	+0.125
Lowe's Co Inc	33.25	+0
Lucent Tech	54.875	+1.5
Lubrizol	34.125	-0.25
Madge	13.4375	-0.4375
MCI Commun	36.375	+0.25
Mallinckrodt	39.875	+0
Manor Care	25.625	+0.125
Mapco Inc	33.875	+0.25
Marriott	54.625	+0.125
Mrsh & McLn	113.5	+1.5
Marvel	2	+0.125
Masco Corp	34.375	+0.125
Massmutual Corp	40.75	+0.125
Mattel Inc	26	+0.25
Maytag Corp	21.5	+0.5
McDermott	21.375	-0.25
McDonalds	45.375	+0.375
McDonnell Dglas	68.125	+1.75
McGraw Hill	50.125	+0
McKesson Corp	57.375	-0.375
Mead Corp	57.625	+0.75
Medtronic	65.625	+0.25
Mellon Bk	78.875	+1.75
Mentor Graphics	9.625	+0
Mercantile Strs	47.5	+0.125
Merck Inc	93.5	+1.5
Meredith Corp	51.125	+0.375
Merrill Lynch	88.625	+0.75
Micron Technol	33.875	+1.125
Microsoft Corp	100.375	+3.25
Millipore	42.125	-0.375
Mine Safety App	56.875	+0.875
Minnesota Mine	84.375	+0.5
Mitchell Energy	22	+0
Mobil Corp	129.25	-0.25
Mobile Telecom	6.0625	-0.1875
Molex Inc	35	+1
Monarch Macht	8.5	-0.375
Monsanto	37.75	+1.875
Morgan (JP)	104.625	+1.375
Morton Intl	41	+0.5
Motorola Inc	66.875	+0.5
Murphy Oil	50.625	+0.75
Nacco Inds	52.75	+0.875
Nalco Chemical	37.625	+0.625
Nashua Corp	12.5	+0.25
Natl City Corp	47	+1.125
Natl Semi	24.375	-0.125
Natl Serv Ind	37.375	+0.125
NatWest Bank	79.75	+2
Navistar Int	9.75	+0
Netscape	37.625	+1.5
New England El	34.5	+0.375
News Corp	20.75	-0.125
NY State El Gas	23	+0.125
NY Times A	40.5	+0
Newmont Mining	39.5	+0.625
Niag Mohawk	10.5	-0.125
Nicor Inc	35.375	+0.125
Nike Inc	65.375	-1.5
NL Industries	12	+0
Noble Affil	40.5	-1.25
Nokia	65.75	+0.25
Nordstrom	36.5	+0
Norfolk Southrn	89.625	+0.625
Northeast Util	13.5	-0.125
Novell	11.875	-0.125
Nthn State Pwr	48.375	+0.25
Northrop	76.25	+1.375
Norwest Corp	48.75	+1
NSL	11.5	+0.625
Nynex Corp	51.25	+0.875
Occidental Pet	25.25	-0.25
Ogden Corp	18.625	+0.375
OEA	47.875	+0.625
Ohio Casualty	39.25	-1.25
Ohio Edison	23	+0.125
Olin Corp	36.625	+0.375
Omnicom Group	47.5	+0.625
Oneok Inc	29.625	+0
Oracle Systems	40	+0.5
Oryx Energy Co	22.625	+0.125
Oshkosh B'gosh	15.25	+1.25
Outboard Marine	15.625	+0.375
Overseas Ship	18.875	+0.375
Owens Corning	45.5	+0
PHH Group	48.125	+0.125
PNC Financial	42	+1.25
PPG Industries	58.25	+0
Paccar Inc	69.25	+1.25
Pacificorp	21	+0
Pac Enterprises	30.25	+0.5
Pac Gas & Elect	22.75	+0
Pac Telesis	39	+0.625
Pall Corp	22.625	+0
Panh Eastern	44.125	-0.25
Parker Drilling	9.25	-0.25
Parker Hannifin	43.5	+1.125
Penney(JC)	47.5	+0.5
Pennsyl Pwr Lt	22.875	+0.25
Pennzoil	61.625	+0
People's Energy	33.25	+0.25
Pepsico	32.25	-0.125
Perkin Elmer	70.375	+1.25
Pfizer	91.75	+2
Pharmacia & Upj	36.625	+0.25
Phelps Dodge	70.125	+1.125
Philadel Elec	22.875	+0
Philip Morris	121.125	-0.5
Phillips Elec	40.5	+0.25
Phillips Pet	43.875	+0.25
Pioneer Hi Bred	68.875	+1.875
Pitney Bowes	59.25	+2.125
Policy Mgt Sys	45.375	+0.5
Polycom	4.375	-0.5
Potash Corp	76.25	-1.5
Potomac El Pwr	25.5	+0.375
Procter & Gamble	122.25	+2.625
Pub Svc Enterpr	27.875	+0.25
Pug Snd Pwr	25.75	+0.125
Quaker Oats	34.875	-1.125
Qualcom	58	+3
Quanex Corp	26.5	+0.625
RJR Nabisco	34.25	+0.5
Ralston Purina	79.25	+1.25
Rank Orgnsn ADR	13.625	-0.5
Raychem Corp	85.75	+0.125
Raytheon	45.125	+0.75
Reebok Intl	47.875	+0.625
Reynolds Reyn A	29.125	+0.5
Reynolds Metals	61.25	+1.375
Rite Aid Corp	41.375	-0.125
Roadway Services	22.625	-0.5
Rockwell Intl	68.625	+2.625
Rohm & Haas	87	+2.375
Rohr Industries	19.375	+0.625
Rouse	30.625	-0.125
Rowan	22.75	-1.125
Royal Dutch	177.75	-0.125
Rubbermaid	24.125	+0.25
Ruddick	14.625	+0.125
Russell Corp	33.375	+0.25
Ryder System	29.25	+0.25
Rymer Co	0.1875	-0.03125
SPS Technology	68	+0.75
Safeco Corp	38.25	-0.25
Safety-Kleen	16	+0
St Paul's Cos	87.25	+3.75
Salomon Inc	57.75	+1.125
San Diego Gas	22.125	+0
Sara Lee Corp	39.25	+0.625
Schering Plough	75.75	+2.75
Schlomberger	104.5	-2.125
Scientif Atlanta	18.875	+0.125
Scripps	36.5	+0.625
Seagate Tech	50.5	+4.375
Seagram	40.875	+0.75
Sears Roebuck	51.5	+1.75
Sensormatic Elec	16	+0.375
Service Corp I	28.625	+0.75
Service Master	25.625	+0.25
Shared Medical	47.4375	+1.4375
Shell Trans	103.875	-1.625
Sherwin Willms	56.125	+1.25
Shoney's Inc	7.625	+0.125
Sigma Aldrich	32.5	-0.125
Silicon Graphics	25.25	-0.25
Skyline Corp	25.875	-0.625
Smith Intl	41	-1.875
SmKline Bchm A	69.625	-0.625
Snap-On-Tools	37.75	+0
Sonat	51.125	-0.375
Sonocco Prods	26.375	-0.125
Sony Corp ADR	88.75	+0.25
Southdown	32.125	-0.5
Southern Co	21.75	+0.25
Sth N. Eng Tel	36.375	+0.125
Southw Airlines	22	-0.25
Southwestn Bell	53.875	-0.25
Spring Inds	42.625	+0.75
Sprint Corp	42.375	+0
Standard Prods	22.5	-0.125
Stanley Works	36.875	+0.25
Stone Container	13.125	-0.25
Storage Technol	46.375	+0.375
Stratus Comp	32.625	-0.125
Sun America	2.5	+0
Sun Company	26.5	+0.125
Sundstrand	42.875	+0.375
Sun Microsystms	34	-1.625
Suntrust	51.75	+1.5
Supervalu	31.125	+0.375
Symantec	18.375	-0.5
Sysco Corp	33.125	+0
TJX Cos Inc	39.75	-0.125
TRW Inc	50.5	+0.5
Tambrands	44.375	+1.25
Tandem Comp	13.625	+0.875
Tandy Corp	47.25	+0.875
Telecom Corp	13.875	+0.125
Telefonos de Mex	37.125	-0.125
Temple Inland	56.125	+0.125
Tenneco	38.625	-0.125
Teradyne	29.75	+0.625
Tesoro Pet	12.75	-0.25
Texaco	102	-1.875
Texas Instrmnts	78.5	+3
Texas Utilities	40.5	+0.25
Textron	96.25	+2
Thiokol	58.75	+1
Thomas & Betts	46.75	+1
ThreeCom	50.75	-1.5
Time Warner	39.375	+0.5
Times-Mirror	47.5	+1
Timken	53.5	+0.625
Torchmark	53	+0.375
Tosco Corp	88.625	-0.25
Total Pet N Am	9.75	-0.125
Toys R Us	25	-0.25
Transamerica	85	+1.75
Trasaco Energy	58.25	-0.125
Travellers Grp	52.5	-0.625
Tribune	39	+0.5
TRINOVA Corp	38.875	+0.125
Triton Energy	45.875	-0.625
TWA	6	+0
Tyco Labs	58.75	+0.25
Tyler	2	-0.125
UAL Corp	58.75	+1.875
USG Corp	37.25	+0.375
UST Inc	30.75	-0.125
USX Marathon	27.25	-0.125
USX-US Steel	32.5	-0.125
Unicom Corp	22.25	-0.125
Unilever NV	90	+0.25
Union Camp	48.875	+1
Union Carbide	45.625	+0.625
Union Electric	38.25	+0.5
Union Pacific	60.125	+0
Unisys Corp	6.75	+0
USAIR Group	20.5	+0.125
USF&G Corp	22.75	+0.625
US Home	25.75	+0.125
US Life	41.125	+0
US Robotics	67	+2.25
US Surgical	46	+2
US Trust	86.75	-0.5
US West	32.375	+0.5
United Tech	71.125	+1.375
Unocal Corp	42.5	-0.875
VF Corp	68.125	+1.5
Valero Energy	31.5	+0.125
Varian Assoc	53.625	+0.25
Viacom Inc	33.125	+0.875
Vishay	24	+0.5
Vulcan Materials	60.375	-0.125
Wachovia	59.375	+1.625
Walgreen	43.25	+0.375
Wal-Mart Stores	23.875	+0.25
Warner-Lambert	88.375	+3.125
Wash Gas Light	22.75	+0.125
Washington Post	336.5	+2.25
Waste Mgmnt Inc	30.875	-0.625
Watkins-Johnson	26	+0.375
Weis Markets	30.625	+0.375
Wells Fargo	308	+4.625
Wendy's Intl	22.125	+0.125
Westinghouse El	17.75	-0.25
Westvaco	28.875	+0
Weyerhaeuser	46	+0.375
Whirlpool	51.125	+1
Whitman	23.375	+0
Williams Co	38.625	-0.125
Winn Dixie Strs	30.75	+0.375
Woolworth	20.25	+0.5
World Communications	25.375	+0.25
Worthington Ind	19.625	+0.25
Wrigley	59.5	+1.625
Xerox	56.625	-0.125
Yellow Freight	16.375	+0
Zenith Electron	11	+0
Zero Co	21.625	+0.125

LONDON

	LAST	CHANGE*
Allied Domecq	417.5	+0
BAT Inds	515	+22.5
BT	438	-1
BTR	251.5	-1
Barclays	1169	+11.5
Bass	840.5	+13.75
Boots	684	+21.5
British Airways	586.5	-5.5
British Gas	243.5	+10.5
General Electric	385.5	+0
Grand Met	449	-4.5
Glaxo	1001	+14
Guiness	434.5	+8.5
HSBC (75p shs)	1568.5	+38.5
Hanson	88.5	+0
ICI	737	-8
Land Securities	787.5	+13.5
Lloyds Bank	486.5	-4
Marks & Spencer	493	+9
NatWest Bank	816	+22
Prudential	572	+9
Reuters	642.5	-5.5
Sainsbury	321	-7.5
Shell Transport	1068.5	-8.5
Unilever	1367.5	-2

PARIS

	LAST	CHANGE*
Accor	733	-7
Air Liquide	928	+34
Alcatel Alsthom	559	+11
BSN	842	-4
Canal	1177	-3
Carrefour	3372	+6
Club Med	362	+1
Cred Lyon (CI)	186.8	+16.9
Elf Aquitaine	582	-2
Euro Disney	10.5	+0.05
LVMH	1439	+19
Lafarge Coppee	360	+1.4
Lyonn Eaux	577	+15
Michelin B	342.8	+11.7
Moulinex	135.9	+6.9
Paribas	395.5	+1.8
Pernod Ricard	312.9	+5.6
Peugeot	624	+25
Saint Gobain	835	-17
Total B	482	-4

FRANKFURT

	LAST	CHANGE*
Allianz AG	1045	+4
BASF	60.9	+0.65
Bayer	65.4	-0.35
Commerzbank	85	+0
Daimler-Benz	120.2	+0.4
Deutsche Bank	83.45	+0.2
Dresdner Bk	52.6	-0.35
Hoechst	71.85	-0.1
Lufthansa	23.75	+0.3
Mannesmann	674	+18
Metallgesellschaft	33.35	-0.25
Porsche	1700	+60
Siemens	85.8	+2.9
Volkswagen	779	+5.5

SOURCE: COMMSTOCK TRADING LTD. (DATE 8-FEB-97)

Key Representative Rates

US Dollar	NIS 3.3260	+0.15%
Sterling	NIS 5.4324	-0.21%
Mark	NIS 2.0051	-0.23%

NEW YORK MARKET INDEXES

	Last	Change
DJ Industrials	6857.73	+84.87
DJ Transport	2331.5	+7.09
DJ Utils	230.5	+1.18
DJ Comp	2120.54	+19.23
NYSE Industr	518.99	+4.54
NYSE Transport	363.36	+0.43
NYSE Comp	413.8	+3.91
S&P 100	772.01	+8.73
S&P Spot Index	789.56	+9.41

NYSE STOCKS

	Unchanged	Advances
Declines		
Share movements	+765	1644935
Volume up (in 1000's)	322105	
Volume down (in 1000's)	182091	

OTHER STOCK MARKET INDEXES

	Last	Change
FTSE 100	4307.7	+0
Tokyo Nikkei	17867	+0
Singapore all-share index	-	-
Hong Kong Hang Seng Index	13660.5	0
Israel Index	231.42	+1.42

DOLLAR CROSSRATES (US)

	Last	Change
Pound: spot	1.6262	-0.0093
Mar.future (CME)	1.63	-0.0032
D-mark: spot	1.6612	+0.0079
Mar.future (CME)	0.6044	-0.0028
S-franc: spot	1.4293	+0.0026
Mar.future (CME)	0.7021	-0.0021
Yen: spot	123.17	-0.62
Mar.future (CME)	0.008173	+4.3e-005
CanDlr: spot	1.3504	-0.0003
Mar.future (CME)	0.7428	-0
AusDlr: spot	0.7612	-0.0032
Mar.future (CME)	0.7606	-0.004
F-franc: spot	5.601	+0.0191
It Lira: spot	1627	+3
Ntg: spot	1.8647	+0.0084
AstShlg: spot	11.7711	+0.1415
Rand: spot	4.4425	-0.0325
ECU: spot	1.1706	-0.0032
Bonds Mar.future	112.15	+0.18
S and P Mar.future	794.35	+11.7

US COMMODITIES

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Mar) (CEC)	1289	-18
Coffee (Mar) (CEC)	151.05	+0.25
Sugar no.11 (Mar) (CEC)	10.8	-0.06
Wheat (Mar) (CBOT)	358	-2
Soybean (Mar) (CBOT)	738	+8
Orange juice (Mar)(CEC)	83.3	-1.75
Crude oil light (Mar)(CEC)	22.23	-0.87

LONDON COMMODITIES

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Mar) (LCE)	865	+16
Coffee (Mar) (LCE)	1540	-14
Brent crude oil (Mar)(IPE)	2095	-87

SPOT MARKET METALS (US)

	Last	Change
Gold: spot	340.65	-2.3
Silver: spot	4.93	+0.09

NEW YORK METAL FUTURES

	Last	Change
Gold (Feb)	343.3	-1
Silver (Mar)	4.942	+0.085
Platinum (Apr)	355.9	+1.3
Palladium (Mar)	135.35	+2.6
High-grade copper (Mar)	1.0716	-0.0145

LONDON METAL FIXES

	Last	Change
Gold AM fix	340.9	-2.5
Gold PM fix	339.75	-3.05
Silver fix	480	-7.5

Month in parentheses signals contract exp. date (Spot market listings are from approximately 23:30 Israel time. All others are closing quotes.)

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MUTUAL FUNDS

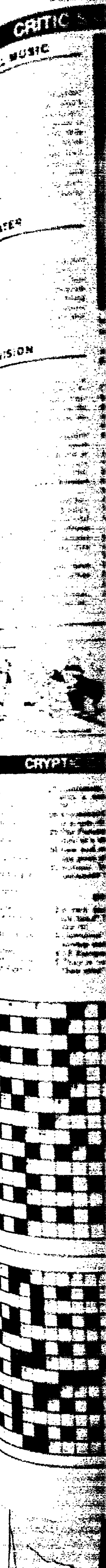
FLEXIBLE

Fund's name	unit cost	rdemption price	monthly yield (%)	yield total 1996 (%)	NIS assets (millions)
Abir	195.88	192.20	+3.48	+10.65	16.7
Afikim flexible	193.66	191.07	+2.34	+12.41	25.2
Ahrayut flexible	489.38	480.07	+5.23	+21.13	3.9
Analyst Diversified	687.87	671.69	+7.15	+22.55	66.9
Arximedes	102.16	100.04	+4.76	+14.65	0.4
Asaf	206.71	203.99	+7.08	+21.94	2.3
Avnka	1827.14	1793.11	+5.89	+20.24	6.2
Bazak flexible	189.11	187.99	+0.22	+1.04	0.1
Bemha 30 plus	143.44	141.54	+7.17	+20.24	6.6
Bemha flexible	2529.60	2494.67	+4.51	+10.99	8.2
Bloch Rotstein flexible	181.74	177.94	+6.61	+30.67	11.5
Dovrat-Shrem flexible	—	—	—	—	41.4
Epsilon flexible	144.51	143.92	+4.68	+18.80	5.3
Evergreen flexible	115.87	113.39	+6.74	+22.69	7.7
Idit	3613.92	3572.03	+5.29	+15.50	31.6
Igud flexible	140.74	140.37	+4.14	+17.62	19.1
Igud shikdit	115.75	115.50	+0.76	+3.56	18.9
Ilanot Tidhar	2965.20	2950.34	+5.07	+15.76	79.1
Ilanot90	228.95	224.71	+5.99	+20.31	26.4
Ipax flexible	135.36	132.87	+6.95	+20.21	6.2
Klali flexible	1112.24	1094.41	+4.62	+18.72	6.9
Lahak durifat	691.64	678.55	+4.53	+15.11	74.2
Lahak saknai	143.77	141.09	+5.90	+13.46	12.7
Lamashkia	457.33	451.05	+3.31	+7.76	7.3
Lapid	1566.73	1537.77	+5.48	+21.59	6.6
Mamon	240.73	239.10	+4.26	+15.00	28.1
Maofim flexible	127.23	124.91	+4.66	+23.87	7.5
Meirav	144.97	144.42	+4.42	+15.85	7.6
Meitav flexible	1892.94	1871.51	+6.09	+19.43	3.3
Moked	3002.24	2979.25	+3.52	+11.40	74.4
Morits Money Market	116.26	116.26	+0.35	+2.05	16.0
Nesua flexible	2417.89	2403.72	+4.66	+16.19	11.4
Netz	197.60	197.02	+4.34	+29.13	1.5
Noga	765.75	755.36	+2.34	+9.83	40.3
Omer Pekan	202.67	199.02	+5.65	+19.37	26.2
Ozar flexible	93.20	91.47	+6.98	+21.25	5.3
Panther	453.78	449.68	+3.84	+17.97	4.4
Pia hayovel	201.22	199.73	+5.64	+17.92	33.8
Pia kela	821.34	817.26	+3.97	+14.22	336.7
Psagot 100	296.64	294.26	+7.34	+22.74	80.0
Psagot flexible	532.86	523.41	+7.73	+24.00	150.2
Ramco flexible	148.51	146.53	+7.05	+25.34	7.4
Saar	179.41	176.07	+4.36	+15.94	215.3
Sapanoot flexible	80.37	80.20	+2.30	+20.22	0.9
Sigma flexible	91.86	90.88	+5.79	+16.39	9.4
Sivan	228.92	225.80	+5.63	+27.69	44.9
Teleskop	121.97	121.48	+3.52	+11.94	2.2
Tsmiha flexible	2729.43	2691.63	+2.57	+12.67	6.3
Yaad flexible	95.63	94.61	+3.39	+9.76	1.5
Yesodot	3086.37	3029.92	+4.86	+24.06	52.0
Zeller flexible	96.10	94.99	+4.86	+17.65	2.6
Zion fleible	14187.93	14092.25	+4.07	+17.49	2.7

SHARES

Fund's name	unit cost	rdemption price	monthly yield (%)	yield total 1996 (%)	NIS assets (millions)
Adif	119.24	117.10	+7.42	+25.24	68.4
Afikim shares	259.75	256.22	+4.50	+19.93	22.4
Ahrayut oil shares	176.61	172.90	+7.51	+32.26	4.0
Ahrayut real estate	234.99	229.96	+4.22	+19.22	14.7
Ahrayut shares	319.31	313.33	+5.29	+22.23	4.9
Analyst Aggressive	138.99	135.68	+7.67	+27.14	33.2
Analyst Equity	1074.01	1048.95	+8.13	+24.01	123.4
Analyst Industries	329.20	321.52	+8.39	+24.75	52.5
Atlas pekan	131.96	129.21	+4.37	+18.23	35.8
Baron	186.80	183.33	+7.14	+22.73	7.5
Bemha shares	4454.57	4393.71	+7.63	+22.73	11.8
Briyoot	77.38	76.35	+6.49	+23.72	1.8
Capital shares	88.86	87.53	+5.05	+21.81	2.6
Chemical Pekan	103.08	101.15	+7.26	+25.28	5.1
Dovrat-Shrem caram	—	—	—	—	14.2
Dovrat-Shrem shares	—	—	—	—	12.3
Emda Canaf	91.99	90.63	+4.46	+15.76	2.3
Emda Caram	1738.02	1719.07	+8.50	+26.58	27.6
Emda Export	73.44	72.58	+6.02	+19.89	13.7
Emda Maof	194.36	192.65	+6.52	+21.42	32.6
Emda Mishtanim	1791.11	1771.13	+6.55	+21.82	49.8
Emda Paz	156.83	155.03	+7.30	+23.59	10.5
Emda Shalevet	147.75	146.62	+8.10	+25.29	17.4
Emda Shani	95.27	94.70	+7.63	+24.15	1.6
Epsilon 36	94.33	93.98	+7.00	+26.37	5.6
Epsilon shares	174.21	173.56	+7.01	+25.73	8.6
Erez	315.73	309.73	+6.58	+22.16	183.2
Esh	651.56	637.80	+6.61	+18.20	3.1
Etgar	150.73	147.92	+6.77	+21.96	66.5
Evergreen shares	152.59	149.27	+7.89	+26.64	16.2
Eyal shares	127.65	127.19	+6.59	+21.71	5.9
Gal	101.86	100.48	+4.91	+24.00	13.3
Hon pekan	97.84	96.05	+8.92	+29.41	33.7
Igud shares	132.12	131.73	+5.07	+22.55	18.4
Ilanot Dekel	2721.27	2704.71	+6.20	+20.92	90.5
Ilanot Duvdevan	2407.34	2392.79	+5.90	+23.29	60.4
Ilanot Globe	123.17	120.69	+4.65	+18.65	12.2
Ilanot Shesek	850.38	845.07	+6.97	+23.90	129.5
Ilanot caram	166.65	165.61	+7.30	+23.19	129.6
Ilanot communication	82.84	82.33	+6.34	+22.83	14.0
Ilanot finance	86.24	85.62	+7.68	+23.98	9.7
Ilanot maof	183.61	182.74	+6.57	+21.57	58.8
Ilanot shchakim	56.85	56.50	+8.49	+27.94	20.6
Israel-America	197.73	195.74	+4.17	+16.79	1.8
Klali maof	219.54	218.72	+6.36	+21.13	21.0
Klali shares	141.79	139.92	+5.70	+21.47	3.1
Kohav	156.41	153.47	+6.72	+23.38	93.9
Kur Money Market	109.52	109.47	+0.34	+1.67	7.1
Lahak Caram	108.94	108.00	+9.21	+25.65	26.2
Lahak anafa	278.69	273.56	+6.69	+23.74	18.9
Lahak ankor	798.13	779.06	+6.70	+20.84	52.4
Lahak export	64.01	64.01	+7.67	+26.83	26.8
Lahak rom	109.26	106.88	+4.49	+20.21	8.5
Lahak salit	128.85	126.48	+5.27	+23.85	58.4
Lahak sigsoog	85.18	83.60	+7.88	+21.09	22.6
Lahak tor	393.45	386.16	+6.58	+21.20	100.5
Lahak zamir	758.36	744.32	+7.56	+23.40	65.2
Maagal	86.80	86.11	+6.70	+24.69	8.6
Maale maof pekan	175.70	172.44	+6.77	+21.29	88.6
Magic	262.84	257.95	+6.04	+21.47	16.0
Mashabey Teva	73.88	72.63	+6.28	+22.11	2.6
Mazon	107.41	105.96	+6.50	+20.35	2.5
Md Maof	187.29	186.30	+6.58	+21.44	51.5
Meitav Caram	103.03	101.88	+8.14	+22.98	6.9
Meitav options	46.97	46.27	+10.64	+41.28	10.2
Meitav shares	186.92	184.87	+6.93	+23.08	3.9
Mercazit Caram	66.85	66.64	+5.33	+24.00	2.1
Mercazit maof	178.65	178.20	+6.64	+21.79	2.9
Mercazit mishtanim	239.63	238.77	+5.68	+23.24	3.9
Merets	461.43	457.90	+6.76	+22.35	72.7
Miftan	107.94	107.13	+6.86	+20.51	24.8
Migzar finance	111.20	110.35	+8.41	+25.87	14.8
Mivneh	350.71	347.98	+6.11	+17.41	56.8
Mondial	166.33	164.67	+3.10	+14.01	10.4
Mor	1391.87	1380.97	+6.94	+22.58	106.4
Nesua shares	394.70	392.49	+5.12	+23.03	6.5
Nili	1016.09	1002.26	+5.76	+26.83	21.0
Nimrezet	86.05	85.53	+6.61	+24.62	4.2
Omega	123.07	120.83	+5.00	+26.22	3.0
Ozar foreign int' par'	134.81	132.37	+6.97	+19.32	2.1
Ozar shares	102.60	100.70	+6.54	+19.84	8.7
Pia 2000	81.45	80.02	+7.39	+23.70	24.0
Pia bdolach	901.58	896.99	+6.66	+23.58	95.9
Pia manof	142.21	139.71	+7.85	+25.23	60.7
Pia maof	181.42	178.23	+6.65	+21.87	102.5
Pia michlol	720.74	708.26	+7.05	+23.16	138.6
Pia odem	1115.08	1095.41	+7.61	+25.85	156.9
Pia world	114.23	113.30	+5.27	+18.11	32.3
Pia yahalom	1023.95	1006.01	+7.02	+22.93	79.2
Pia zinuk	60.22	59.92	+6.35	+21.32	55.0
Princess Continental	53.77	52.76	+9.17	+26.25	19.1
Priza	120.10	117.35	+2.51	+9.85	1.0
Psagot Focus	87.55	87.08	+6.53	+26.90	72.8
Psagot al	88.56	86.95	+13.10	+35.39	33.6
Psagot limit	311.37	307.39	+8.58	+28.39	120.4
Psagot mabat lashalom	117.18	115.11	+8.72	+27.17	51.5
Psagot shares	693.10	689.32	+7.30	+24.33	89.5
Raam 90	178.03	174.50	+13.46	+45.49	13.9
Simodan shares	104.20	102.61	+5.53	+25.55	1.7
Tsmiha caram	236.59	233.95	+5.57	+22.97	8.5
Tsmiha shares	559.17	555.53	+4.77	+18.53	6.5
Tsuot Sufa	135.21	132.11	+4.94	+22.53	19.2
Yaar	74.03	73.81	+3.39	+27.77	1.0
Zik	364.15	355.63	+6.55	+23.80	7.5
Zinger Barnea Financial	107.29	105.42	+10.19	+26.13	0.8
Zion caram	98.03	97.38	+7.66	+25.30	6.4
Zion shares	141.73	140.75	+5.82	+26.01	3.3

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CRITIC'S CHOICE

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

Arye Lipsky leads the Kibbutz Chamber Orchestra in Brahms's First Serenade, which seems to be a very popular opus among Israeli orchestras this season. Also on the program is Vaughan Williams's Oboe Concerto with Hila Zabari-Peleg as soloist, and the Second Horn Concerto by Richard Strauss with Croatian horn player Radovan Vlatkovic as soloist. Tuesday in Nahariya, Wednesday in Ein Hashofet and Sunday in Dorot (8:30 p.m.) with one Tel Aviv appearance this Saturday (11:11 a.m.) in Tzavta.

THEATER

HELEN KAYE

Ir, or "City" in English, is the Gesher Theater's SRO adaptation of Isaac Babel's *Odessa Tales*. You will laugh. You will cry. You will want the show to go on for ever as director Yevgeny Arye and his amazing actors bring Babel's colorful lowlifes to burst-at-the seams life. Tonight and through Tuesday at the Gesher Theater in Old Jaffa at 8:30 p.m. (Hebrew)

TELEVISION

On *A Second Look* tonight on Channel 1 at 8:45, there are two main reports. The first is by Ya'acov Ahimeir, who interviewed Israeli emigrants in the US and heard their opinions on the proposal to let Israelis abroad participate in the elections.

In the second part, Judy Lotz accompanies Amira Hess, the Israeli journalist who spent three years living in Gaza, to her new home in Ramallah. As usual Haim Hecht gives his view of things from up north at the end.

Elana Chipman

There is another chance to see one of the better made and more original Israeli dramas, *Backwards* (*Hafuch*), which was very successful the first time it was screened. It is an offbeat *Friends*-type series about young Tel Avivites who join forces in order to produce the first Israeli pornographic movie.

Other than that, they fall in love, fight, meet strange people and live the young urban lifestyle.

With Orna Fitussi, Dani Stag, Einat Weitzman, Yoav Heit and others who all give very convincing performances. Channel 2, at 7:15 p.m.

Elana Chipman



Madonna stars in MTV programs throughout the day.

One imaginative young member of the Israel Chamber Orchestra may have hit the nail on the head when she recently dubbed it "Em-pty-V." But the satellite pop music channel MTV does nevertheless retain its legions of fans, and its audience share in Israel is one of the highest of any country in and around Europe.

Today MTV Europe focuses in on the life and times of superstar Madonna. With the rave reviews she has recently been receiving for her performance in *Evita*, the superstar hopes to have finally put paid to the notion that her life has just been one long publicity stunt. Certainly the Material Girl has come a long way since she headed for New York City and initially found work in a branch of Dunkin' Donuts.

In the past some of her more raunchy videos have been banned by MTV. Now it is devoting a whole series of shows to her. They include *The Making of Evita*, *Madonna's Pyjama Party*, *Madonna – A Body of Work*, and, starring MTV's own Spanish video-jockey hearthrob, *Hugo in Bed with Madonna*. At various times throughout the day, particularly from 5 to 7 p.m.

Tom Gross



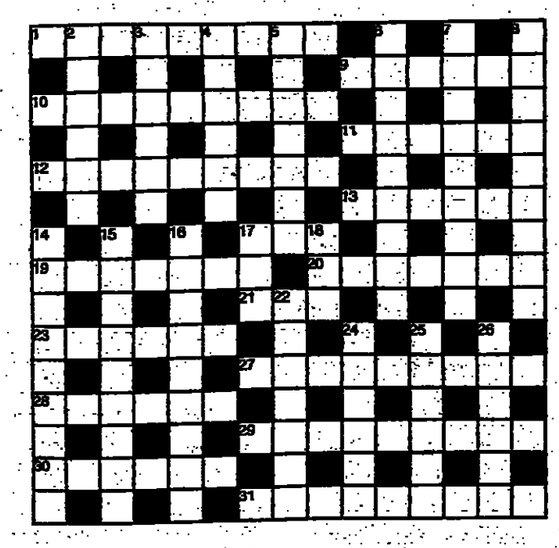
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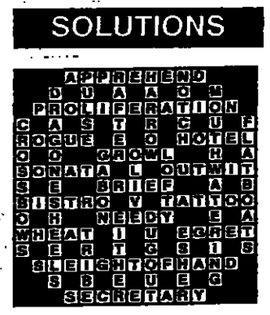
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9 Sort of car seen in the Aegean area (6)
10 Is not lavish with the jam (9)
11 23 perhaps joining popular party (6)
12 Game beauty carrying a gun (9)
13 Maintain a member in drink (6)
17 A beast taking dope (3)
19 Not many will be cut by a pound (7)
20 Summarise article on flyover (7)
21 Spend money indeed! (3)
23 A six-footer from somewhere near Wigan (6)
27 Limitation that's normal with a measuring device (9)
28 A criminal Greek character in a spin (6)
29 The Parisienne upset poor men as a satirist (9)
30 Saw and contended about one point after another (6)
31 Account for alteration to testament (9)

DOWN

2 A twit backed up—given his head? That's rough on one (6)
3 Garrulous individual, the airship maker! (6)
4 SE European land bird (6)
5 They're very sharp—use their eyes! (7)
6 Dealers caught over trainers (9)
7 Day-dream fancifully about the Orient when all is prepared (4,5)
8 Beaten, even though there in first place (9)
14 Negotiating a rise, vets appear quite confident (9)
15 Erica is always concerned for the environment (9)
16 Skilled man making a terrific crack (9)
17 A mountain in central Pakistan (3)
18 Utter stuff! (3)
22 A hold-up a worker finds awfully hard (7)
24 Many prate agitatedly, being downtrodden (6)
25 Correct about fashion (6)
26 Within this a fellow has to exercise control (6)



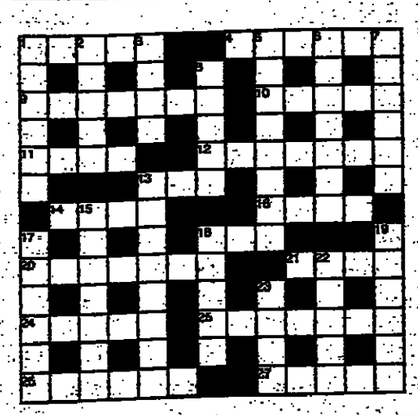
SOLUTIONS



Quick Solution

ACROSS: 1 Picardy, 5 Litre, 8 Naiad, 9 Alstree, 10 Cordial, 11 Eclat, 12 Superb, 14 Stupor, 17 Milan, 19 Measure, 22 Variola, 23 Ousel, 24 Risen, 25 Royalty.

DOWN: 1 Panic, 2 Chirrup, 3 Radii, 4 Yearly, 5 Lenient, 6 Tyrol, 7 Elector, 13 Samovar, 13 Run-down, 15 Parasol, 16 Impair, 18 Lurks, 20 Zloty, 21 Alley.



QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Foggy (5)
4 More niggardly (6)
9 Norm (7)
10 Tant (5)
11 Above (4)
12 Genuine (7)
13 Lad (3)
14 Land measure (4)
16 Newts (4)
18 Doze off (3)
20 Freedom (7)
21 Unusual (4)
24 Pulsate (5)
25 Rich (7)
26 Warmer (6)
27 Consumer (5)

DOWN

1 Pasture (6)
2 Turnip (5)
3 Twelvemonth (4)
5 Stretched (8)
6 Disregard (7)
7 Preferably (6)
8 Untidy (5)
13 Endurable (8)
15 Floor-show (7)
17 Grab (6)
18 Man-made fibre (5)
19 Superior (6)
22 Representative (5)
23 Remedy (4)

TV

■ CHANNEL 1

6:30 News flash
8:31 News in Arabic
8:45 Good Morning Israel

■ EDUCATIONAL TV

8:00 Herzl and Zionism
8:30 Destinos
9:00 Geography
9:20 Nature
9:30 English
9:45 Programs for the very young
10:15 Social Sciences
10:45 Arithmetic
11:10 English
12:00 Mathematics in Daily Life
12:30 Social Sciences
13:00 In the Heat of the Night
14:00 Surprise Train
14:20 Kitty Cat and Tommy
14:35 Babar the Elephant
15:00 Pretty Butterfly

■ CHANNEL 1

15:30 Molormice from Mars
15:50 Booly – animation
16:00 Gingle
16:25 Northwood
16:45 Super Ben
16:55 Zap to Basel
16:59 A New Evening
17:34 Zappy Improvisation
18:15 News in English
ARABIC PROGRAMS
18:30 Amal and Kamal's Studio
18:55 Ramadan program
19:00 News in Arabic
HEBREWPROGRAMS
19:30 News flash
19:31 Young Evening
20:00 News
20:45 A Second Look
21:30 Personal Story
22:00 The Cameri Quintet
22:30 World Soccer
23:30 News
00:00 Verse of the Day

■ CHANNEL 2

6:15 Today's Programs
6:30 Yogi Bear
6:55 This Morning – with Gabi Gazit and Rivka Michaeli
9:55 Senora
10:45 Dynasty
11:40 LA Law
12:30 Genie and the Captain
13:00 Open Cards
14:00 Echo Point
14:30 Tic Tac
15:00 The Flintstones
15:30 Dave's World
16:00 The Bold and the Beautiful
17:00 News magazine with Rafi Reshef
17:30 Sister Sister
18:00 Roseanne
18:30 Can't Hurry Love – new sitcom
19:00 Crazy Candid Camera
19:15 Backwards – eight friends plan to make the first blue film in Hebrew
20:00 News
21:05 Seven Days on Seventh Avenue – a week in the life of model Shiraz Tal
22:00 Rafi Reshef – talk show
23:20 Band of Gold – part 4
00:00 News
00:05 Band of Gold – continued
00:27 Moonlight – with Michal Shavit
1:25 Beadles About
1:50 On the Edge of the Shelf

■ JORDAN TV

13:00 Holy Koran
13:05 Star Chaser (cartoon)
14:30 Tilt (comedy)
16:00 French programs
17:30 I Love Lucy
18:00 French programs
19:30 News flash
19:35 The Fresh Prince of Bel Air
20:00 America's Funniest Videos
20:30 Innocent Victims – miniseries
22:00 News in English
22:25 Boston Pops
00:00 Feature film: That's Entertainment, starring Fred Astaire and Gene Kelly

■ MIDDLE EAST TV

10:30 Changed Lives
11:00 Lighthouse
11:30 Hour of Power
12:30 Central Message
13:00 Love Worth Finding
14:00 This Is Your Day
14:30 John Osteen
15:00 In Touch
16:00 Snowy River
16:55 America's Funniest Home Videos
17:20 The A-Team
18:10 Hunter
19:00 Bob Newhart
19:30 Rhoda
20:00 Cats' Eyes
21:00 Remington Steele
22:00 Hill Street Blues
23:00 Lou Grant
00:00 Love Connection

CABLE

■ ITV 3 (33)

16:15 Yasin and Bahaya – Egyptian series
17:00 Weekly Column
18:10 Amores
19:00 News in Arabic
19:30 News in Russian
20:00 News
20:45 Telekessef
21:15 Blah Blah
22:30 The Duchess of Duke Street
23:25 The Ray Bradbury Theatre

■ ETV 2 (23)

15:30 All Together Now
16:00 The Heart of Things
16:30 Scientific Library
17:00 Zombit
17:30 High-Tech Culture
18:00 Cybernews
18:30 Media File
19:00 Herzl and Zionism
19:30 Vis à Vis
20:00 A New Evening
20:30 Destinos
21:00 Star Trek: The Next Generation
21:45 The Sleeping Tiger (1954) – a psychiatrist makes a deal with the mugger who attacked him: He will not press charges if the criminal agrees to stay in his home, under observation, for six months. (85 mins.)
23:30 Jerusalem in Art

■ FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

8:00 Dallas
9:00 One Life to Live
9:45 The Young and the Restless (rpt)
10:30 Days of Our Life
11:15 Perla Negra
12:00 Zingara
12:45 The Streets of San Francisco
13:35 Duet
14:00 Dallas
14:50 Days of Our Lives
15:35 The Nanny
16:00 Hercules
16:45 Zingara
17:30 New York Daze
18:00 One Life to Live
18:45 The Young and the Restless
19:30 Local broadcast
20:00 Perla Negra
20:50 Third Rock from the Sun
21:15 The Single Guy
21:40 Jag
22:30 Law and Order
23:20 Night Stand with Dick Dietrick
23:45 Law and Order
00:30 ENG Newsroom
1:20 North of 60

■ MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

11:30 The Biggest Battle (German, 1978) – WWII war story starring Henry Fonda, Helmut Berger, Samantha Eggar and John Huston (102 mins.)
13:15 New in the Cinema
13:25 Blondie Takes a Vacation (1939) (rpt)
14:40 Seeing Stars
15:30 The Ryan White Story (1989) (rpt)
17:05 Convicts (1990) (rpt)
18:40 Trial By Fire (1995) – a high-school teacher is accused of having a relationship with a student who fell in love with her and committed suicide (90 mins.)
20:10 Special report on *Kama Sutra* by Mira Nair
20:25 Losing Chase (1996) (rpt)
22:00 The Point of Betrayal (1995) – a young man eager to get his hands on his mother's fortune will stop at nothing, including having her committed to an asylum
23:35 The Color of Night (1994) – erotic thriller (rpt)
1:35 Cosmic Slop (1994) – three strange, *Twilight Zone*-style episodes with a satirical message (82 mins.)
3:05 Fatal Pulse (1988) – a serial killer is tracked by a dauntless detective (83 mins.)

■ CHILDREN (6)

6:30 Cartoons
9:00 Nils Holgersson
9:30 The Center of Things
9:45 Pink Panther Show
10:20 Clarissa Explains
10:45 The Center of Things
11:05 Saved by the Bell
11:35 Little University
12:00 Shesh-Tus
12:30 Hugo
13:00 Make Believe Closet
13:10 Berenstein Bears
13:35 Little Mouse on the Prairie
14:00 Journey to the Center of the Earth
14:30 Nils Holgersson
15:00 The Center of Things
15:15 Pink Panther Show
15:50 My Brother and Me
16:15 The Center of Things
16:35 California Dreams
17:05 Ital and Friends
17:45 Twisted Tales of Felix
18:00 Hugo
18:30 Tau Tau
19:05 Mr. Bogus
19:30 Sassover 007 and a half
20:20 Married with Children
20:50 Roseanne
21:15 Lois and Clark

■ SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 The Getaway (1972)) – classic crime drama with Steve McQueen. His wife, Ali MacGraw, seduces the local parole board chairman into giving him an early release. McQueen gets jealous. (117 mins.)
00:00 Fast Company (1978) – story of a race driver on the brink of big-time success who tries not to be seduced by money. With William Smith, Jodie Foster and Claudia Jennings (89 mins.)

■ DISCOVERY (8)

6:00 Open University – Pianist at Work; Monet, Legacy of Light; Mitsuko Uchida Explains
12:00 On Jupiter (rpt)
13:00 Travelogue in France (rpt)
13:30 Mushroom Magic, part 4
14:00 Open University (rpt)
16:00 On Jupiter (rpt)
17:00 Travelogue in France (rpt)
17:30 Mushroom Magic (rpt)
18:00 Open University (rpt)
20:00 Zulu Legend – Natombula is a Zulu whose traditions were orally passed down through generations. This documentary looks at his religion, dreams and special connection with nature.
21:00 Lords of Hokkaido – a winter in the life of foxes on Hokkaido, Japan's northernmost island
22:00 Beyond 2000
22:30 New World: Saving the Planet, part 10 – Watcher of the Reef, Belize
23:00 Zulu Legend
00:00 Open University (rpt)

■ SUPER CHANNEL (unconfirmed)

6:00 Talking with David Frost
7:00 Travel Xpress
7:30 Inspiration
10:00 Executive Lifestyles
10:30 Fashion File
11:00 Travel Xpress
12:00 Super Shop
13:00 Davis Cup first round tie – South Africa vs. Russia
17:00 Dateline
18:00 The McLaughlin Group
18:30 Meet the Press
19:00 Scan
20:00 Flavors of Italy
20:30 Travel Xpress
21:00 Time and Again
22:00 This is PGA Tour
23:00 Best of The Tonight Show
00:00 Profiler – drama
1:00 Talkin' Jazz
1:30 The Ticket
2:00 Best of The Tonight Show with Jay Leno
3:00 MSNBC Internight Weekend
4:00 Frost's Century

■ STAR PLUS (unconfirmed)

6:00 Hindi shows
7:30 Amul India Show
8:00 Great Escape – new series
8:30 India Business Week
9:00 Living On the Edge
9:30 Star Trek
10:30 Indian movie
14:00 Batman (in Hindi)
14:00 Charlie's Angels (in Hindi)
15:00 Amul India Show
15:30 Countdown Plus
16:00 Show
17:00 The Reporter
17:30 Hindi show
18:30 Star News
19:30 The McDowell Indian Derby
20:30 Dynasty
21:00 Star Week
22:00 Around the World in 80 Days
23:00 Classic film
1:00 Backup
2:00 Nanny and the Professor

■ CHANNEL 5

6:30 Bodies in Motion
16:00 Bodies in Motion
16:30 National League Soccer
17:15 NCAA Basketball
18:15 NBA All-star game from last night
20:30 National League Basketball – live
22:30 English Soccer
23:30 Billiards

■ EUROSPORT

9:30 Equestrian: Volvo World Cup (rpt)
10:30 Alpine Skiing: World Championship, Italy – highlights and live
12:00 Biathlon: World Championship, Slovakia – live
13:30 Alpine Skiing: World Championship, Italy – highlights and live
14:30 Skijumping: World Cup, Austria – live
16:00 Tennis: WTA tour, Austria – final – live
17:00 Swimming: World Cup final, Paris
19:00 Alpine Skiing: World Championship, Italy – highlights
20:00 World's Strongest Man
21:00 Extreme Sports
22:00 Athletics: IAAF Indoor meet, USA
23:00 Boxing (rpt)
00:00 Skijumping: World Cup, Austria (rpt)
1:30 Darts: German Open

■ PRIME SPORTS

6:00 WWF Blast Off
7:00 Spanish Soccer League
7:30 ITU Triathlon World Cup
8:30 Inside PGA Golf Tour
9:00 Cricket: India Tour of South Africa – India vs. Zimbabwe – highlights and live
18:00 Inside PGA Golf Tour
19:00 Winter sports
19:30 NBA All Star Game (rpt)
22:30 Asian Soccer Show
23:30 Inside PGA Golf Tour
1:30 Tennis: Australian Open – highlights
2:30 International Motorsports News
3:30 Cricket: India Tour of South Africa – roundup

■ BBC WORLD

News on the hour
6:05 Horizon (rpt)
7:25 India Business Report
8:20 Britain in View
9:20 This Week
10:05 Assignment
11:30 The Clothes Show
12:05 Heart of the Matter
13:20 Window on Europe (rpt)
14:05 The Giant Awakes (rpt)
15:05 Breakfast with Frost
16:30 Holiday (rpt)
17:05 Horizon (rpt)
18:20 Earth Report (rpt)
18:30 Film '97 (rpt)
19:30 Top Gear (rpt)
20:20 On The Record
21:20 Window on Europe (rpt)
22:05 Naked City, part 2
23:30 Tomorrow's World (rpt)
00:00 World Business Report
2:10 The Money Programme
3:00 Asia Today

PRIME TIME TV

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19:30	News flash Young Evening News	News	Local broadcast		Sassover 007 and a Half	
20:00			Perla Negra	Special report on *Kama Sutra*	Married with Children	Zulu Legend
20:30	A Second Look		Third Rock from the Sun	Losing Chase	Roseanne	
21:00		Seven Days on Seventh Avenue	The Single Guy		Lois and Clark	Lords of Hokkaido
21:30	Personal Story		Jag			
22:00	The Cameri Quintet	Rafi Reshef		The Point of Betrayal	The Getaway	Beyond 2000
22:30	World Soccer		Law and Order			New World (pt. 10)
23:00						Zulu Legend

RADIO

■ VOICE OF MUSIC

6:06 Morning Concert
9:05 Handel: Concerto Grosso no 8 in D; Geminiani/Milstein: Sonata in A for violin and piano; Haydn: Quartet in A for flute and strings; Rossini/Respighi: La boutique fantasque ballet; Mendelssohn: Piano concerto no 2; Verdi: excerpts from La Traviata; Enescu: Suite no 3 "Villageoise" in D op 27
12:00 Light Classical – well-known overtures by Weber, Mendelssohn, Wagner, Chabrier, Rimsky-Korsakov, Suppé
13:00 Artist of the Week – T. Koopman. Bach: Brandenburg Concerto no 1 in F; Frescobaldi: Second Toccata Book for organ
14:06 Encore
15:00 Beethoven: Die Geschöpfe des Prometheus ballet music
16:00 Music for Sunday – Bach: Cantata no 23; Biber: Requiem in A; Bach: Toccata and Fugue in D minor for organ; Schubert: Mas in F D105
18:00 New CDs – Weber: Quartet in B flat for piano and strings op 8; Dvorak: The Ghost's Bride dramatic cantata
20:05 From Our Concert Halls – "New Stream." Michael Borstein: Prelude and Burlesque for piano; Reuven Cazilotti: Sonata for viola solo; Ilia Hefetz: Love Song for flute and viola; Binyamin Yosofov: Sonata for cello and piano; Quintet for strings and marimba; Yosef Bardanshvili: Sonata for piano; Michael Lieberman: Sketch for clarinet and piano
23:00 Sounds to End the Day

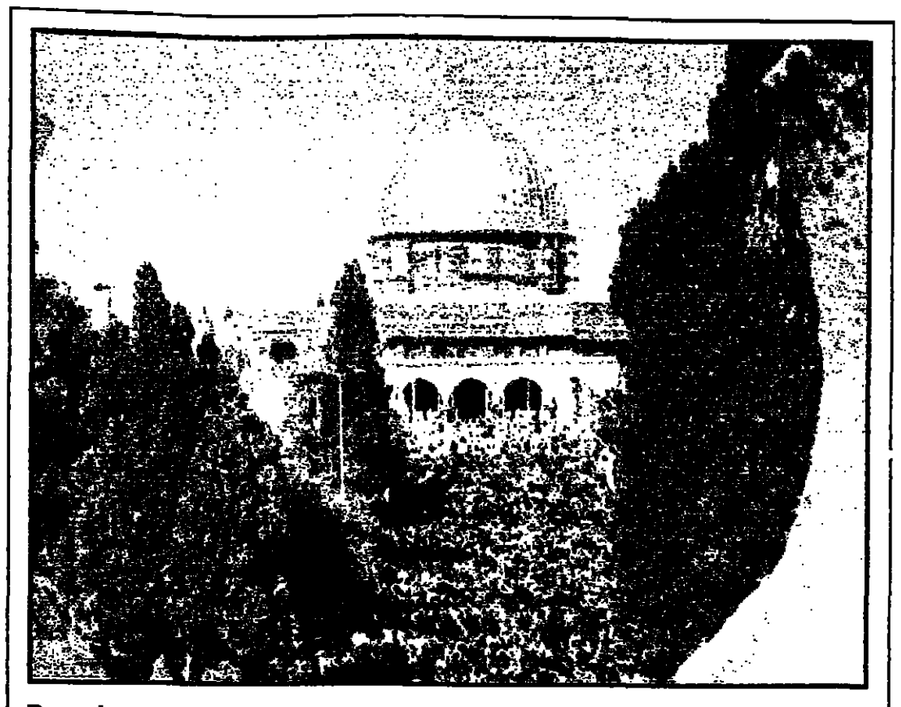
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Ramadan prayers

Some 225,000 Palestinians pray on the Temple Mount on Friday, the last Friday of Ramadan. No violent incidents were reported. The three-day festival of Id al-Fitr, marking the end of Ramadan, started yesterday. (Reuter)

Dutch revive claim for Nazi-looted gold

By Jerusalem Post Staff

The Netherlands, which recovered less than half the 145 tons of gold stolen by the Nazis, has become the first state to revive its claims for looted gold, *The New York Times* reported Friday. The Dutch have formed a commission to determine how the government and citizens can make claims for their losses.

After the war, European states recouped roughly half the gold that had been seized from their central banks by the Reich. That gold came from the pool the Allies recovered and redistributed through the Tripartite Gold Commission.

The gold commission, which had been preparing to close after 50 years, still retains about $68 million in so-called residual gold. The Dutch claim could bollix the request by Jewish groups that Britain, France, and the US distribute the residual gold as some form of Holocaust compensation.

Meanwhile, an investigation of Swiss assets will be expanding beyond the Swiss banks to New York financial institutions, the New York State banking commissioner said Thursday. In addition to investigating the war-era assets of US-based Swiss banks, the banking commission also will look at five major New York banks believed to have taken deposits from Europeans during the war.

By 1941, most movable property in Switzerland had come to New York, said Banking Commissioner Neil Levin. "New York was a haven for Swiss wealth," he said.

In a related matter, the World Jewish Congress said Thursday that it had canceled plans to boycott Swiss banks. That announcement came the same day that Senator Al D'Amato, head of the Senate Banking Committee, cautioned, "Let's not begin to take punitive steps now."

COMMENT

Britain should look at its own policy

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK - Just as Switzerland emerged intact immediately after World War II, Britain so far remains unscathed in the current inquiries about the Allies' war-time behavior.

But there is an unwarranted arrogance as Britain takes credit for backing the Swiss into the corner, without pausing to look at itself.

The British Foreign Office's report on Nazi gold, issued last September, "threw into sharp focus the cynical behavior of Switzerland in its war-time dealing with the Nazis," *The Times of London* said last week in its lead editorial. "The smug Swiss bankers were thrown on the defensive; Bern was forced to set up an unprecedented inquiry; and the long-suppressed claims of Jewish victims were finally publicly aired."

All true, but incomplete and self-serving.

Jewish victims also have serious claims against the British, whose Nazi gold inquiries have ignored entirely how London's Palestine policy stymied refugee relief and resettlement after the war.

That same policy helped the Swiss retain German assets in Switzerland, because Britain obstructed efforts to finance aid for displaced persons; it did not want to make available funds that would be used for immigration to Palestine.

The American policy was to finance refugee relief programs, in part, with German assets in Switzerland and with recovered Jewish assets. The funds were then allocated to the Joint Distribution Committee and the Jewish Agency, which had been designated by international reparations conferences as the operating field agencies to assist displaced Jews.

Britain, however, resisted key segments of the reparations agreements, because they gave "concrete legal standing" to the Jewish Agency and the JDC.

And reparations funds, the Foreign Office said, would enable them "to assist illegal emigration," according to research by Tel Aviv University historian Ron Zweig.

In 1947, the British Foreign Office went so far as to try to block reparations funds to the JDC, saying in an internal memo that it hoped the JDC "will eventually become bankrupt," according to Zweig's research.

"While the displaced persons problem was a pressing and urgent concern for the American administrators of Germany and Austria, it was a side issue for the British government compared to the deteriorating situation in Palestine," Zweig wrote in an essay on Jewish DPs and Anglo-American relations.

In its editorial, *The Times* also said that "Britain and America have been considerably more sensitive in dealing with the gold deposited in their vaults than the Swiss have."

Presumably that is a reference to the willingness of these allies to freeze some $68 million in the so-called "residual gold" – the leftover gold that originally was looted by the Nazis from the central banks of Europe. The US, Britain and France may make that gold available to Holocaust survivors.

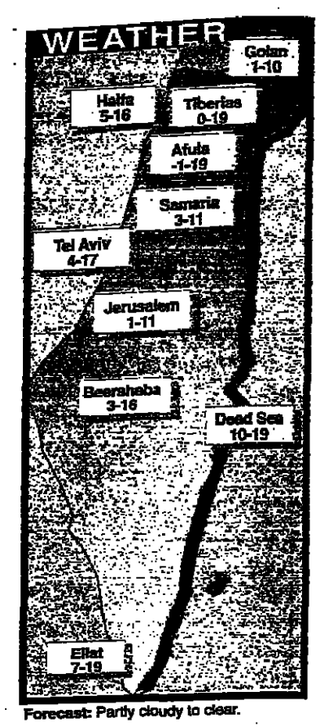
While they may be more sensitive today, in 1945 the Allies targeted only $25m. from reparations funds for refugee aid, while they amassed more than $330m. for restitution to European banks.

That $25m. was to come from German assets held in neutral states, primarily in Switzerland and Sweden – but Britain also tried to torpedo this reparations plan, according to Zweig's research.

Additional refugee relief funds were expected to come from heirless Jewish assets in the banks of neutral states. However, the Allies did not prod the Swiss to identify the heirless assets.

Instead, in 1946 the governments of neutral states were "requested" to make heirless assets available as resettlement funds. Switzerland said it would give "sympathetic consideration" to this request.

But just as the Swiss made no commitment to uncover the heirless assets, neither did the Allies threaten to invoke sanctions if the Swiss failed. The irony is that it is this Swiss-Allied failure that, a half-century later, propelled much of the current contretemps about unclaimed Jewish assets in Swiss institutions.



Forecast: Partly cloudy to clear.

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	LOW C	LOW F	HIGH C	HIGH F	
Amsterdam	01	34	09	48	p/cloudy
Berlin	03	37	05	41	p/cloudy
Buenos Aires	22	72	29	84	cloudy
Cairo	07	45	14	57	cloudy
Chicago	-04	25	-02	28	snow
Copenhagen	02	36	05	41	clear
Dubai	09	48	20	68	clear
Dublin	03	37	09	48	cloudy
Frankfurt	-01	30	06	43	clear
Geneva	03	37	06	43	clear
Helsinki	09	48	14	57	cloudy
Hong Kong	12	54	16	59	cloudy
Jerusalem	14	57	25	77	cloudy
Lisbon	12	54	19	66	clear
London	01	34	09	48	cloudy
Los Angeles	10	50	22	72	p/cloudy
Madrid	03	37	16	59	clear
Montreal	-17	01	-02	28	clear
Moscow	-05	23	-05	23	p/cloudy
New York	01	34	05	41	cloudy
Paris	03	37	10	50	clear
Rome	08	46	13	55	clear
Stockholm	02	36	07	45	p/cloudy
Sydney	20	68	27	81	clear
Tokyo	04	39	10	50	cloudy
Vienna	-02	28	05	41	clear
Zurich	-02	28	05	41	p/cloudy

Winning cards

In Friday's daily Chance drawing, the winning cards were the jack of spades, the jack of hearts, the ace of diamonds and the ace of clubs.

Weizman to visit Britain

By BATSHEVA TSUR

President Ezer Weizman and his wife, Reuma, will pay a three-day state visit to the United Kingdom on February 25.

The Weizmans will be the guests of Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip and will stay at Buckingham Palace.

Following meetings with members of the royal family, the prime minister, and the leader of the opposition in London, Weizman will go to Cambridge University to visit the famous Cairo geniza based there.

Also, at the Imperial War Museum, Weizman will participate in a cornerstone ceremony for the Holocaust wing and will attend the unveiling of a monument to Raoul Wallenberg. He will also meet with top Royal Air Force brass at RAF Cranwell.

Reuma Weizman, who has a keen interest in rehabilitation of wounded soldiers through horseriding, will visit a British rehabilitation center which has exchanged knowhow on this form of treatment with its Israeli counterparts.

Man with active hepatitis undergoes liver transplant

BY JUDY SIEGEL

A 43-year-old man in the active phase of hepatitis B underwent a liver transplant at the Rabin Medical Center-Beilinson Campus over the weekend after receiving an experimental drug to overcome the infection.

The man, living in the South, married and the father of one child, was given the drug lamivudine at the Petah Tikva hospital. Ordinarily, patients in the active phase of hepatitis B or C are not allowed to undergo an organ transplant because the infection re-appears in the new liver.

His doctors, including Prof. Ran Tur-Kaspa, treated him for three months in an internal medicine department. Within six weeks, the virus was stopped in its tracks, and a transplant was made possible. A team headed by Prof. Zaki Shapira performed the 12-hour operation.

At the same time, a heart from the same donor was transplanted into the chest of a 47-year-old man from the center of the country who had been hospitalized in Rehovot with a deteriorating condition. He was disconnected from a respirator seven hours after the surgery, led by Prof. Dan Aravot and Dr. Gidi Sahar, and visited by his family.

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